

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
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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings comrades. As Post 2894 looks to increase membership, here are a few projects I have for action:

- Working with Mike Yates of Volunteers for Vets, an organization dedicated to providing services and assistance to veterans in need

- Opening dialogue with Barbara Hulslander, who supports the 'Defend Michael Campaign'; 1st LT Behenna was charged at an Article 32 hearing of Premeditated Murder of a known, capture or kill Al Qaeda operative Ali Mansur while in custody during a field interrogation

- Coordinating with David Brougher of Hospice Community Care to recognize veterans
- Initiating discussions with Josh Fisher of Chesapeake Parks and Recreation to incorporate Post 2894 into events held in Chesapeake
- Visiting Post 3035 in my hometown of Delphos, OH

You may wonder how some of these items tie into increasing membership. My goal is to reach out to combat veterans in means other than just "recruiting". The more we involve ourselves in the community, the more we tackle controversial topics in support of veterans we believe wrongly accused, and the more we present ourselves as a

team organized to help others, the more I believe people will be drawn to join.

Because we all have full time jobs, families, and other responsibilities, the transition for the new officers in the post has been slow. As we gain steam,

Chris (Senior Vice Commander), John (Junior Vice Commander), Matt (Quartermaster), Tom (Adjutant), Angie (Chaplain), Gary (Service Officer), and I hope to be more interactive and leading the charge for growing Post 2894.

This newsletter includes a Post 2894 flyer. I encourage

everyone to print three or four and find a place to post them. Whether it be your local grocery store, laundry facility, base commissary, or place of worship. My only counsel to you is to ensure the building in which you're posting the flyer has no restrictions prohibiting such action.

I look forward to seeing as many members as possible during our next meeting.

Respectfully,

Gary Shaffer,
Commander

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PATRIOTS PEN UPDATE

The winner of our post's Patriots Pen Award, Jessica Ferebee, a 7th Grader at Greenbrier Christian Academy, was further honored when she won the District's Patriots Pen Award and was presented with a \$300 check for her effort. Young ladies like Jessica ensure that our country will have success in the future. Congratulations!



Jessica Ferebee with Mayor Krasnoff

HOT DOG STAND

The Post is very fortunate to have been donated a brand-new hot dog stand by Gary Brothers, President of GW Brothers, a Nationwide Insurance agency



"Our" new stand looks very much like this one.

located here in Chesapeake. Gary is a good friend of our former Commander, Carl Dozier, and is a strong supporter of the military and conservative values. When

asked to see if we could borrow or rent it for an event, he told us he had a better deal – he would donate the \$12,000 cart to the Post! We had our first chance to use it as part of Tractor Supply Company recognition of veterans on Memorial Day. We set up in front of the new TSC store near the intersection of Centerville Turnpike and Mount Pleasant Road and sold a bunch of hotdogs to thankful customers.

This cart is a "Cadillac" of carts! It has a grill, several warming trays, a sink...the works! If anyone is interested in becoming the 'duty expert' on the use of our cart, please talk to one of the Post officers.

VFW ANNIVERSARY, SEPTEMBER 29th

This September 29th is the 114th "birthday" of the VFW. On that date in 1899, a Post was formed in Denver, Colorado; now officially known as "VFW Post 1, John S. Stewart Post".

Many of the veterans returning home from the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection were not provided medical care or pensions and they and their families were left to fend for themselves. In their misery, some of these veterans got together and formed local organizations to secure their rights and benefits.

The VFW name was created on September 17, 1914 at a conference at the Schenley Hotel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The organization was a merger of two prior veterans' organizations, both of which began in 1899: the *American Veterans of Foreign Service* (formed in Columbus, OH) and the *National Society of the Army of the Philippines* (formed in Denver). The former was formed for veterans of the Spanish-American War, while the latter was formed for veterans of the Philippine-American War.

By 1915, membership grew to 5,000; by 1936, membership was almost 200,000.

On May 28, 1936, by an act of the United States Congress, the VFW became a government-chartered non-profit organization. As such, it receives no funding from United States tax receipts and is supported by charitable donations.



1898 photo of Sr. Vice Cdr. Chris Mulholland's great-grandfather (left) and his brothers before their deployment to Havana, Cuba with the 161st Indiana Volunteer Infantry – all three later became founding members of the VFW

Since then, the VFW's voice had been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration (VA), creating a GI bill for the 20th century, developing the national

cemetery system and fighting for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, VFW won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active-duty service members, and members of the Guard and Reserves, fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VFW also has fought for improving VA medical centers services for women veterans.

The VFW and Auxiliary members carry out the mission to "honor the dead by helping the living" through promoting good will, patriotism, and youth scholarship. Their commitment is demonstrated through national veterans and legislative services, military assistance and community service programs, youth activities and scholarship programs, as well as millions of volunteer hours in their local communities each year.

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, the VFW in 2005 became the first veterans' organization to contribute to the building of the Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010.

Annually, the 1.9 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary contribute more than 8.6 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

From providing over \$3 million in college scholarships and savings bonds to students every year, to encouraging elevation of the Department of Veterans Affairs to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW was founded on September 17, 1914 and serves as the backbone of VFW volunteer efforts helping veterans and their families while promoting patriotism.

Annually, VFW members and its auxiliary contribute more than 13 million volunteer hours in the community. The auxiliary has its own programs to help the VA, state and community hospitals.

The VFW is the nation's largest and most dedicated group of combat veterans. In over a century of service, members of the VFW have been at the battle front in the protection of the rights of Veterans nationwide.

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>.

OCTOBER 23rd, 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIRUT BOMBING

Preparations are underway for ceremonies honoring the 30th anniversary of the bombing of the Marine Barracks in Beirut. The official ceremony will take place at the Beirut Memorial outside Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Here is the agenda:

- **Oct. 21** noon to 6 p.m.: registration at the USO, 9 Tallman Street, Jacksonville, N.C. 28540, phone 910-455-3411. See the newly remodeled Beirut Room.
- **Oct. 22:** Special events, to be announced, may be held dependent on time, volunteers and weather
- **Oct. 23,** 6 a.m. Candlelight Vigil at the Beirut Memorial, candles provided, every name on wall read aloud by



"They Came In Peace"

families and veterans

- **Oct. 23,** 10:30 a.m., formal Remembrance service at Beirut Memorial; music, guest speakers, wreath presentation, gun salutes
- **Oct. 23,** approx. 6 p.m., dinner and program event at Goettge Field House, Camp Lejeune

Additional information (hotels, etc.) can be found at the Beirut Veterans of America (BVA) website, www.beirutveterans.org.

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.

<u>Age</u>	<u>One-Time Payment</u>	<u>Installment Payment</u>
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.

~SAFETY CORNER ~ VACATION SAFETY TIPS

1: Consider Hiring a House-or Pet-Sitter - The best way to make sure your house is safe while you're gone is to have someone you trust still living in it. You may be lucky enough to have a tidy and conscientious relative who'll move in temporarily and water the plants, feed the pets and pick up the newspapers. If not, there are services you can use for house-sitting and pet-sitting while you're away. This can be a pricy option, but it's a solution that touches all the bases.

- **Did You Know** - If you have a number of pets, it may be more cost-effective to have a pet sitter come to your home than board your furry friends. In many areas, a pet sitter can cost about the same amount as a stay in a kennel for two or three animals. You'll be cutting down on the pet stress and resentment that way, too.

2: Hold Your Mail - When you're leaving for more than a couple of days, call your local post office to stop mail delivery until you get back. They can hold mail from three to 30 days. In many locations, you can even submit a stop mail request online. Just enter your address and stop and start dates. This is a free feature courtesy of your friendly United States Postal Service.

3: Stop Newspaper Delivery - A pile of yellowing newspapers on the doorstep is a movie cliché for a home that's unoccupied. Stopping the newspaper when you leave town for a while is an easy detail to forget and one that will make you a sure target. If you're still reading newsprint, make sure you stop service when you leave on vacation.

4: Keep Eyes on Your Property - Even if you stop newspaper delivery and mail service, there are still some gotchas that can make it obvious that you're not around. How about those fliers that peddlers leave on your doorknob, or those periodic yellow page book deliveries? Because you can't plan for every contingency, have someone in the area check your house periodically. Whether it's a neighbor or relative, nothing beats having a person check the premises every day or two while you're gone. Hey, while they're there, they can water the petunias.

- **Did You Know** - If you have a neighborhood watch group in your area, you can ask them to keep an eye on your home, too. It's another way to make sure someone reliable is paying attention to the premises while you're gone.

5: Make Your Home Look Lived In - An occupied home looks lived in. Lights go on and off, and cars come and go. When you're away, everything stops. To help create the illusion that the residence is still occupied, invest in timers that turn on the interior lights for a few hours every evening. If you can get a neighbor to take out your garbage and put the cans back after the garbage pickup, it's another way to send the message that everything is proceeding normally at your house.

- **Did You Know** - Don't close your blinds when you leave on vacation if you usually keep them open. The more normal your home looks, the better.

6: Keep the Landscape Trimmed - If you're a diligent homeowner who mows his lawn every week, and things start to look overgrown and neglected, it's easy to come to the conclusion that you're not around. If you plan on being away for an extended period of time, hire someone to take care of the landscaping chores in your absence.

7: Lock Up - This seems so obvious, but hey, it's easy to forget. If you keep a window unlocked to allow the cat easy access, or never bother to turn the deadbolt on the kitchen door, now's the time to clean up your act. Locking your home makes it less attractive to opportunistic burglars. If you don't make it easy, there's a better chance that when you get home, your house will be in the same condition as when you left it.

8: Don't Project Your Moves - Show some caution when you talk about your trip. Your blog (Facebook!) isn't the best place to announce that you'll be away from home for a month. Being aware of who's around when you discuss your trip in restaurants and even at work isn't a bad idea either. Make sure that your children are discreet, too. No one is saying that you should be suspicious of everyone you meet, but even a chance remark has the potential to lead to unintended and unfortunate consequences. The less information you put out there, the less likely it is to reach the wrong ears and eyes.

9: Pull the Plug on Electronics - Disconnecting the power to some of your electronics, like your desktop computer, coffee pot and television can save you money while you're gone and eliminate the worry that you've accidentally left them on by mistake. Turning off your garage door is also an effective way to keep thieves from opening it with a universal remote. Oh, and don't leave a portable GPS in your car when you use long-term parking at the airport. It'll alert thieves that you're not home and give them a convenient map to your house.

10: Install Added Security Features - Installing a home security system or even just exterior lights that run on timers is a good way to ramp up security around the old homestead and make your house safer whether you're around or not. One of the nice things about these features is that they're working when you're awake, asleep, on vacation or hosting an outdoor barbecue. They fade into the background as far as you're concerned, but still make your property less attractive to opportunistic thieves.

- **Did You Know** - Keep track of all the keys to your home and make sure they're in safe hands. Locking your doors is important, but up to 50 percent of burglaries involve the use of a key. Don't hide a key outdoors in a protected spot, either. Burglars know the best hiding places, better than you do.

- Courtesy of the TLC Channel website, <http://www.tlc.com>



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

The last free Montero Health Fair for Veterans for 2013 will be held on October 12th. It 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!

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.

AUGUST MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** US Air Force Day
- 1781 Cornwallis' British army occupies Yorktown, Virginia
- 1794 Whiskey Rebellion begins
- 1944 George S. Patton's Third Army begins 281 days of operations

- 1944 Marines crush Japanese resistance on Tinian
- 1946 Office of Naval Research is established
- 1946 Battle of Athens, Ga.: WW II veterans take up arms to prevent corrupt political machine from rigging local election
- 2** 1776 Royal Navy lands 32,000 British & Hessians on Staten Island
- 1819 First parachute jump in US, from a balloon
- 1887 Rowell Hodge receives patent for barbed wire
- 1950 1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, Korea
- 1964 Gulf of Tonkin: North Vietnamese patrol boats attack USS Maddox
- 1990 Iraq invades & occupies Kuwait - onset of Desert Shield/Desert Storm
- 3** 1492 Columbus sails from Palos on most momentous voyage in history
- 1804 USN squadron bombards Tripoli
- 1861 First manned balloon ascent from ship, USS 'Fanny', Hampton Roads
- 1861 US Navy authorizes three ironclads: 'Monitor', 'Galena', & 'New Ironsides'
- 1958 "Nautilus 90 North", US submarine 'Nautilus' (SS 571) passes under North Pole
- 1990 US announces commitment of naval forces to Persian Gulf
- 4** 1790 Revenue Cutter Service formed, origins of USCG
- 2005 USS 'New York' (LPD-21) receives her bow section, with 24 tons of steel from World Trade Center, during construction in Louisiana
- 5** 1305 Scots hero William Wallace is betrayed to the English
- 1620 'Mayflower' & Speedwell' sail from Plymouth for Virginia
- 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay: Farragut "damns" the torpedoes
- 1884 Work begins at Ft. Wood, in New York harbor, for erection of Statue of Liberty
- 1898 US and Spanish troops skirmish outside Manila
- 1898 US landing party goes ashore at Cape San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 1921 Yangtze River Patrol Force established within US Asiatic Fleet
- 1964 US begins bombing of North Vietnam
- 6** 1780 Battle of Hanging Rock: Tarleton's dragoons annihilate an American column - Andrew Jackson (13) becomes a POW
- 1945 A-Bomb destroys Hiroshima, over 75,000 die
- 2002 Marquis de La Fayette, already an honorary citizen of several states, is made an honorary US citizen
- 7** -480 BC - Thermopylae [Alt]
- 1782 George Washington creates Badge of Military Merit - the Purple Heart
- 1789 US War Department established
- 1942 Guadalcanal: 1st Marine Div lands against light resistance
- 1990 Operation Desert Shield: First American troops reach Saudi Arabia
- 8** 1814 Anglo-American Peace negotiations begin in Ghent, Belgium
- 1942 Guadalcanal: Marines capture unfinished airstrip
- 1945 Harry S Truman signs UN Charter
- 1988 Russians begin pulling out of Afghanistan after 9 year war
- 1990 Iraq annexes Kuwait
- 9** 1945 Second Atomic Bomb is dropped on Nagasaki, c. 30,000 die
- 1985 Former naval officer Arthur J. Walker convicted of spying for USSR
- 10** 1918 Alvin York captures "the whole damned German Army"
- 1921 Congress forms US Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics
- 1949 Congress creates Department of Defense

- 11** 1909 First use of "SOS"; SS 'Arapahoe', off Cape Hatteras
2003 NATO assumes command of 5,000 peacekeepers in Afghanistan
- 12** 1645 Massachusetts Council orders 1/3 of men in each militia company to "be ready on half an hour's warning for any service" – the first "Minute Men"
1805 Lewis & Clark cross Continental Divide
1942 Guadalcanal: First US airplane reaches Henderson Field
1959 First firing of Polaris missile from ship, 'Observation Island'
1972 Last American ground troops leave Vietnam
- 13** 1846 CDR Robert Stockton leads Army-Navy-Marine party to seize Los Angeles
1898 Spanish-American War: Armistice declared (noon, EST)
1945 Okinawa: USS 'LaGrange' (APA-124) last US ship hit by kamikaze in WW II
1953 Gen of the Army Omar Bradley becomes Chairman of JCS
1961 Communists begin construction of Berlin Wall
- 14** National Navajo Code Talkers Day
1912 US Marines occupy Nicaragua
1942 First American air victory in Atlantic: Lt Ezra Shahan in P-38 shoots down Luftwaffe Condor patrol bomber off Iceland
1943 Quadrant Conference - Quebec: FDR & Churchill agree to "Operation Overlord"
1945 V-J Day; Japan surrenders
- 15** 1845 US Naval Academy established at Ft Severn, Annapolis
1943 Kiska: US and Canadian troops land with heavy naval and air support
1944 Operation Anvil-Dragoon: Allied troops land in Provence
1945 Hirohito's surrender message is broadcast to Japanese people
1945 US ends wartime rationing of gasoline & fuel oil
- 16** National Airborne Day, US
-480 BC – King Leonidas reaches Thermopylae with 300 Spartans and 700 Allies
1777 Battle of Bennington, Vt: Americans defeat British
1780 Battle of Camden: British decisively defeat Americans
1918 US troops capture Archangelsk
1934 US ends occupation of Haiti, begun in 1915
1943 4th Marine Div is activated at Camp Pendleton
- 17** 1807 Robert Fulton's steamboat begins its first voyage from Albany to New York
1843 Herman Melville enlists in USS 'United States'
1846 CDR Robert F Stockton declares California annexed to US
1943 US troops under Gen Patton capture Messina
- 18** 1911 Esther Voorhees Hasson is appointed first Sup't of Navy Nurse Corps
1961 Construction on Berlin Wall completed
- 19** National Aviation Day, US
1818 Capt James Biddle, USN, claims Oregon Territory for US
1960 U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers convicted of spying by USSR
1981 USS 'Nimitz' (CVN-68) a/c down Libyan a/c – "Line of Death"
- 20** 1781 Washington marches from NY to fight Cornwallis at Yorktown
1982 US Marines land in Beirut
- 21** 1800 First public concert by USMC Band, Washington, DC
- 22** 1864 Geneva Convention: 12 nations establish International Red Cross
- 23** 1775 George III declares that American colonies are in state of rebellion
1942 US 40th Infantry Div departs San Francisco for Hawaii
1944 6th Marine Div begins forming on Guadalcanal
- 1944 Franco-American troops liberate Marseilles
- 24** 1814 British burn Washington, after Sir George Cockburn eats Pres. Madison's dinner in White House
1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established
- 25** 1921 US signs peace treaty with Germany
1943 US forces land on New Georgia in Solomon Islands
1944 Paris liberated from Nazi occupation
- 26** 1775 First Congressional action on veterans' benefits
1839 US Revenue Cutter 'Washington' seizes Spanish ship 'Amistad', manned by self-liberated slaves, off Montauk Point
1943 US bombers in China attack Japanese installations in Hong Kong.
- 27** 1945 Third Fleet enters Sagami Bay, south of Tokyo Bay, as US troops begin occupation of Japan
- 29** 1944 15,000 American troops march down the Champs Elysee
1958 Air Force Academy moves to new facilities at Colorado Springs
- 30** 1780 Benedict Arnold promises to betray West Point to British
1781 Battle of the Chesapeake: French fleet defeats Royal Navy, sealing fate of Yorktown
1945 Gen MacArthur arrives in Japan
- 31** 1944 Allied offensive against Gothic Line in Italy
1949 The 83rd - and last - GAR encampment, attended by 6 of the 14 remaining members
1994 The last Russian troops in Germany are withdrawn

SEPTEMBER MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patron of Aviators
1861 Grant assumes command of Federal forces at Cape Girardeau, Mo
1862 Congress abolishes daily issue of grog in US Navy
1863 Atlanta Campaign: Sherman wins Battle of Jonesborough, causing Confederates to evacuate & burn Atlanta
1863 Union fleet bombards Fort Sumter
1866 Manuelito surrenders at Fort Wingate, last resisting Navaho chief
1918 US troops land in Vladivostok, Siberia, stay until 1920
1939 George C. Marshall becomes Chief-of-Staff of Army, serves until Nov 18, 1945
1950 13 North Korean divisions assault UN lines
- 2** 1777 Battle of Cooch's Bridge, NJ: First use of the "Stars and Stripes" in combat
1864 Union General William T Sherman captures Atlanta
1901 VP Theodore Roosevelt cites African proverb, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"
1944 Lt jg George H.W. Bush bails out near Chichi Jima, and is rescued by 'Finback' (SS-230)
1945 Ho Chi Minh declares Vietnam independent of France
- 3** 1782 The US gives its only ship-of-the-line, 'America', to France.
1885 First Naval War College class convenes
1944 US Navy shells the Japanese on Wake Island.
1945 Japanese forces in the Philippines surrender to the US
- 4** 1886 Geronimo surrenders to Gen Nelson A Miles at Skeleton Canyon, Ariz
1945 US reoccupies Wake Is
1950 First appearance of the comic strip "Beetle Bailey"
- 5** 1774 First Continental Congress assembles in Philadelphia
1775 Continental Navy issues uniform regulations for officers

- 1943 US airborne troops land at Nadzab, New Guinea
- 6** 1918 US Navy 14-inch railroad guns open fire on the Western Front
- 7** 1776 David Bushnell's sub 'American Turtle' tries to sink HMS 'Eagle' in New York harbor
- 1862 Battle of Cumberland Gap, TN
- 8** 1919 Ticker tape parade on Broadway for General John J. Pershing & 25,000 Doughboys
- 1945 US troops land in Korea to assume occupation duties
- 9** 1776 "The United Colonies" adopt the name "The United States of America"
- 1943 Operation Avalanche: Anglo-American forces land at Salerno, Italy
- 1944 Allied troops liberate Luxembourg from the Germans
- 10** 1776 Nathan Hale volunteers for secret service against the British
- 1813 Battle of Lake Erie: Commo Oliver Hazard Perry meets the enemy and they are his
- 1944 Sir Frederick Browning says "I think we might be going a bridge too far"
- 11** 1773 Benjamin Franklin writes "There never was a good war or a bad peace"
- 1777 Battle of Brandywine: Americans lose to British
- 1812 USS 'Constitution' captures and destroys brig 'Lady Warren'
- 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh/Lake Champlain: Americans defeat the British by land & lake -- the decisive battle of the War of 1812
- 1918 Col. George S. Patton leads the first US tank attack, St. Mihiel, France
- 1943 Allied forces secure Salerno
- 1944 US 5th Armored Division enters Nazi Germany
- 2001 Islamist terrorists crash 3 hijacked jetliners into World Trade Center and Pentagon, but heroic passengers die retaking 4th aircraft
- 12** 1609 Henry Hudson lands on hilly island "as pleasant with grasse and flowers, and goodly trees, as ever they had seene, and very sweet smells came from them" -- Manhattan
- 1814 Battle of North Point: Regulars & Militiamen prevent British from capturing Baltimore
- 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry VA
- 13** 1814 British commence overnight bombardment of Fort McHenry, inspiring "The Star Spangled Banner"
- 1847 US soldiers & Marines storm Chapultepec Castle, Mexico City
- 14** 1847 American troops under Winfield Scott capture Mexico City
- 1942 Guadalcanal, Bloody Ridge: Japanese retire
- 1966 Vietnam: Operation Attleboro begins against VC sanctuaries on Cambodian Border
- 15** 1862 Antietam Campaign: Stonewall Jackson captures Harpers Ferry
- 1862 Antietam Campaign: US troops find Lee's GO No. 191, wrapping some cigars
- 1918 Cpl Lee Duncan, US 135th Aero Sqn, finds German shepherd pups in bombed out German military kennel near Toul, France, one becomes Rin Tin Tin
- 1942 US carrier 'Wasp' (CV-7) torpedoed and sunk off Guadalcanal
- 1944 Marines land on Peleliu, 450 miles east of Mindanao in Philippines
- 1950 Inchon Landing: Marines lead attack behind North Korean lines
- 16** 1776 Battle of Harlem Heights: Washington ambushes Brits on Upper West Side of Manhattan
- 1919 American Legion incorporated by act of Congress
- 1942 3rd Marine Div activated at San Diego
- 1943 US Fifth and British Eighth Armies unite in Italy
- 1950 Eighth Army breaks out of Pusan Perimeter, in support of Inchon Landing
- 17** 1776 Spanish begin building Presidio of San Francisco
- 1787 Constitutional Convention completes its work
- 1862 Battle of Antietam: Bloodiest day of Civil War, over 3,000 die
- 1943 Ammunition explosion at Norfolk Naval Air Station
- 1944 Operation Market Garden begins: Allied Airborne invasion of Netherlands
- 18** Feast of St Joseph of Cupertino, Patron of Aviators and Astronauts
- 1755 French complete Ft Carillon (Ticonderoga), NY
- 19** 1676 Rebels under Nathaniel Bacon burn Jamestown, VA
- 1777 Battle of Freeman's Farm (1st Battle of Saratoga)
- 1943 U.S carrier aircraft and B-24s raid Tarawa
- 1957 First underground nuclear explosion, Nevada
- 20** 1797 US frigate 'Constitution' - "Old Ironsides" - launched in Boston
- 1950 Omar Bradley promoted to 5 star rank as General of the Army
- 1984 Hezbollah suicide bombing of US Embassy in Beirut, 25 die
- 21** 1858 US Sloop-of-War 'Niagara' carries Black freedmen from Charleston, bound for Liberia
- 1872 James H. Conyers becomes first black USNA cadet
- 1941 Launch of first Liberty Ship, SS 'Patrick Henry'
- 1942 Maiden flight of B-29
- 22** 1862 Lincoln issues preliminary Emancipation Proclamation
- 1944 Boulogne liberated by Allies
- 1958 Elvis arrives at Brooklyn Army Terminal, to board transport for Germany
- 1961 Peace Corps is established
- 23** 1779 Celebrated frigate duel between John Paul Jones' 'Bonhomme Richard' & HMS 'Serapis'
- 1780 Maj. John Andre is captured, revealing Benedict Arnold's treason to provide West Point plans to British
- 1806 Lewis & Clark Expedition ends at St Louis
- 24** 1918 Ens David S. Ingalls becomes first USN ace, in Sopwith Camel, while seconded to Royal Air Force
- 1929 Lt James H Doolittle makes first all-instrument flight, over Brooklyn
- 1960 USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65) launched, first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
- 25** 1861 SecNav Welles authorizes enlistment of former slaves
- 26** 1777 British troops occupy Philadelphia during American Revolution
- 1918 US begins Meuse-Argonne offensive against Germans
- 1950 UN troops liberate Seoul, Korea
- 27** 1777 Battle of Germantown: Washington defeated by British in close fight
- 1779 John Adams negotiates Revolutionary War peace terms with Britain
- 1996 Taliban capture Kabul, installing Islamist theocracy in Afghanistan
- 28** 1781 Siege of Yorktown begins: last major battle of Revolutionary War
- 1850 Congress outlaws flogging in Navy and Merchant Marine
- 1924 Two US Army planes end around-world flight, Seattle to Seattle, 57 stops
- 28** Feast of St Michael the Archangel, Patron of Soldiers & of St Gabriel the Archangel, Patron of Diplomats and Signalmen
- 1918 Led by 107th Infantry, NY's 27th Div makes decisive breakthrough of Hindenburg Line at San Quintin Tunnel

- o 1914 Army disbands Seminole Negro Indian Scouts, after 44 years of service
- 1946 Judgement at Nuremberg: 22 Nazi leaders found guilty
- 1949 Berlin Airlift ends after 277,000 flights
- 1949 US officially disbands Philippine Scouts

FROM THE EDITOR

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- Chris Mulholland, Sr. Vice Cdr

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<u>AUGUST</u>	
2	Operation Desert Shield, 1990
5	Gulf of Tonkin, 1964
7	Purple Heart Day
14	VJ Day, 1945 Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	
2	Labor Day Japan Signs Surrender, 1945
4	Rosh Hashanah
8	Grandparents' Day
11	Patriots' Day Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
13	Yom Kippur
17	Citizenship/Constitution Day
20	POW/MIA Recognition Day
21	Chesapeake Veterans' Breakfast
22	First Day of Autumn



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- Oct 12, 2013



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