

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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NEWSLETTER – Vol. II, Issue 5, Oct/Nov 2013

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Comrades! First and foremost: we passed our annual inspection with District 2. Through perseverance, long hours, and dedication we were able to present all required documentation to the inspector. One item of interest however is ensuring every current member's eligibility. To that end, WE NEED YOUR DD-214s, deployment orders to a combat zone, campaign medal documentation, evidence of receiving combat pay, or any other proof you served in combat! In case you were not aware, the IRS is targeting the American Legion due to problems with verification of their membership. The IRS has established new rules that could levy upon each Legion a \$1,000 per-day fine for not providing a detailed roster filled with the personal information of each member. In order to avoid that from happening to our Post, I request that each of you send us a copy of your DD-214, deployment orders to a combat zone, campaign medal documentation, evidence of receiving combat pay, or any other proof you served in combat. Send them to VFW Post 2894, PO Box 15842, Chesapeake, VA 23328. Please be sure to black out your Social Security Number on the form since we don't want any cases of identity theft.

We are working to modify the house of a WWII veteran in need of a ramp, accessible toilets, hand grips, and widened

doorways. We are working with Gary Dunbar, the Post Service Officer, Mike Yates of Volunteers for Vets and Dave Gaskins of CLG Contracting to make the home improvements. If you're interested in participating, please visit our website (www.vfwpost2894.org), click on the Officers page, and follow the link to send Gary an e-mail.



We are posting a post flyer at the Chesapeake Sheriff's office. In the month of October, Sheriff O'Sullivan will call a meeting of all deputies and staff who are eligible and interested in joining the VFW. This is the first of many initiatives to increase post membership.

I am also discussing the Great American Food Festival with Sheriff O'Sullivan. Last year we

participated with the Sheriff's Department and were successful in meeting the citizens of Chesapeake to help them better understand our purpose. If you're interested in participating at this year's event, please visit our website, click on the Officers page, and follow the link to send me an e-mail.

Last month I met with Commander Serapata of American Legion Post 280 in Chesapeake. He and I plan on renewing the association between the VFW and American Legion. If anyone has ideas of how to foster a relationship, please visit our website, click on the Officers page, and follow the link to send me an e-mail.

Planning has begun for Veterans Day. As details unfold, I will ensure they're detailed on our website. Please check it occasionally to determine if you're available to participate in our recognition of those who've served.

Respectfully,
Gary Shaffer, Commander
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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dave Clay, our recently elected Adjutant, had to move back to his homestate of Massachusetts due to familial obligations. Luckily for us, Tom Benson volunteered to step up to the plate and took Dave's place. Additionally, with the advent of a new "real" job for Matt Schweers which is occupying a great deal of his time, Craig Devonshire has volunteered to take over as Quartermaster - thanks, Craig! Here is the corrected list of officers in addition to the ones listed on the front cover of this newsletter:

Adjutant.....Tom Benson
Quartermaster.....Craig Devonshire
3rd Year Trustee.....Ray Brogan
2nd Year Trustee.....Jason Killough
1st Year Trustee.....Carl Dozier
Thanks to these dedicated volunteers for the 2013-14 year!

JUMPING FOR A PURPOSE

On 14 September, our own Past Post Commander, Carl Dozier, parachuted from a plane in honor of his son's upcoming birthday on 30 Sep. Carl even wore the same jump wings that Jonathan earned in 2004. The event was the 4th Jumping for a Purpose sponsored by Wounded Wear. The jump took place at Skydive Suffolk on the



Strapping on the gear



Here he comes!

Suffolk Executive Airport.
Wounded Wear was created by a severely wounded Navy SEAL, who while undergoing

his own reconstruction and recovery recognized two key issues that were not addressed by other organizations. He struggled with his massive injuries to find clothing he could wear around the medical devices necessary for healing and he noticed that most people never assumed that his injuries occurred on the battlefield fighting for our Freedom. These issues inspired him to create Wounded Wear, to provide fashionable clothing and clothing modifications to



A sigh of relief... on the ground!

service members have made in the name of Freedom; and to foster a sense of pride, camaraderie, determination, and strength of purpose, amongst them.

As you can see, Carl survived the "fall"!!!

America's wounded warriors and American citizens, to promote awareness throughout the country of the sacrifices that wounded service members, their families, and the families of fallen

OCTOBER 23rd, 30th ANNIVERSARY OF BEIRUT BOMBING

Remembrance Will Be Held Oct. 22-23, 2013 at Beirut Memorial, Jacksonville, N.C.



Early on the morning of October 23, 1983, Tannous Mouawad was driving to the airport in Beirut when he saw a massive fireball burst into the sky. The explosion, about a mile away, was so big that he wondered if an earthquake had hit. "I thought it was the end of the world," he says.

Mouawad, who ran an intelligence division of the Lebanese Army at the time, sped immediately to the scene. He remembers being staggered by what he found. The blast had brought the headquarters of a peace-keeping force of 1,600 U.S. Marines to the ground. All that remained of the four-story building, which the Marines also used as a bunk house, was a smoldering mass of rubble and a crater 30 feet deep by 40 feet wide. "You knew it was something very big," Mouawad says. "You felt like the world stopped."

A suicide truck bomb packed with the equivalent of 12,000 pounds of TNT had plowed through a barbed wire fence and into the building's lobby as the barracks came to life on a Sunday morning at 6:22 am. The blast severed the building from its foundation, lifting it into the air.

The attack was the largest non-nuclear explosion since World War II. Killing 220 Marines, 18 sailors and 3 soldiers, it was also the deadliest single day the Marine Corps had experienced since the battle of Iwo Jima.

Two minutes later, another truck bomb exploded at the French barracks, the eight-story 'Drakkar' building 6 km from the first bomb, killing 58 paratroopers from the 1st Parachute Chasseur Regiment in the single worst military loss for France since the end of the Algerian War.

The blasts led to the withdrawal of the international peacekeeping force from Lebanon, where they had been stationed since the withdrawal of the Palestine Liberation Organization following the 1982 Israeli invasion.

For Americans, Beirut is a seminal moment on a timeline that led to the 9/11 attacks, Afghanistan, Iraq and beyond. It was a first shot in the clash with militant, fundamentalist Islam – exemplified by groups such as Hezbollah and nations such as Iran – who would replace Soviet communism as America's chief adversary.

Marine commandant P.X. Kelley called the bombing "mass murder," but it was really a different kind of war, one of bombing and suicide.

Two years after the bombing, a US grand jury secretly indicted Imad Mughniyah, a Lebanese Muslim, in the bombing. He went on to become one of the world's most prolific terrorists; among his alleged operations was the 1996 bombing of the Khobar Towers compound in Saudi Arabia, which killed 19 U.S. servicemembers. In February 2008, he was killed in Damascus — by a car bomb. For years, the U.S. government suspected that Mughniyah worked for the Lebanese Islamist group that became known as Hezbollah.



The Beirut bombing "cut a hole in the soul of the Marine Corps," says "Black Jack" Matthews, a retired lieutenant colonel who commanded 3rd Bn/8th Marines before the bombing and later wrote a doctoral dissertation about it.

It gave a boost to terrorism. "That's where the bad guys in the world today got their first bragging rights," says Eric Hammel, author of *The Root: The Marines in Beirut*, a history of the bombing.

It changed the way leaders thought about power:

- In a speech in 1984, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who had opposed the Beirut mission, enunciated the lesson he drew from Lebanon: Don't commit insufficient military forces to an ill-defined mission with no clear national interest or exit strategy.

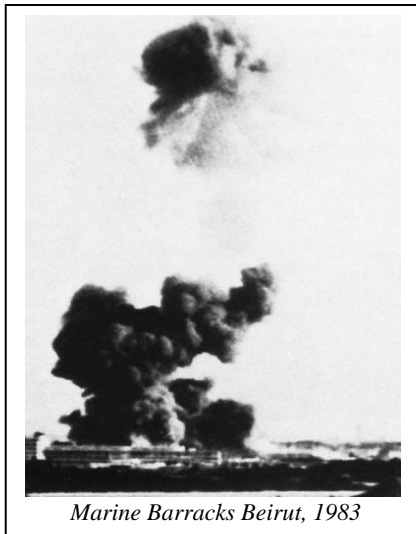
Weinberger gave the speech at the National Press Club nine months after President Reagan — who had said after the barracks bombing that the United States would never back down from terrorists — withdrew the Marines from Lebanon.

Weinberger's warning did not prevent a similar debacle nine years later in Somalia, where U.S. forces had been sent in support of a United Nations humanitarian mission. After two Black Hawk helicopters were shot down by Somali militias, U.S. forces were withdrawn.

- In a 1998 interview with ABC News, Osama bin Laden said the U.S. response to the Beirut bombing showed "the decline of American power and the weakness of the American soldier, who is ready to wage cold wars but unprepared to fight long wars. This was proven in Beirut in 1983, when the Marines fled."

- In a Pentagon news conference in 2003, after the U.S. invasion of Iraq, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld recalled being special envoy to the Middle East after the Beirut bombing. He said his experience helped convince him that the best defense against terrorism is a good offense — "take the war to them, to go after them where they are, where they live, where they plan, where they hide, go after their finances, go after the people who harbor and assist them."

Many of the wounded were taken to military hospitals in Europe. Cpl Jeff Nashton wound up in Germany, where Marine commandant P.X. Kelley



Marine Barracks Beirut, 1983

stopped en route to Beirut. Kelley walked into the ward where Nashton was lying in bed. He'd later say that he never had seen more tubes coming out of one man.

The dust had temporarily blinded Nashton, and when Kelley introduced himself, Nashton says he thought someone was putting him on. So he reached up and grabbed the man's collar. He felt one star, two, three, four.

Nashton, who couldn't speak because of the tubes, made a writing gesture. Someone handed him a pen and his medical chart. He wrote something and handed it to Kelley. It read: "Semper Fi."

A few weeks later, Kelley visited Nashton in a Maryland hospital and gave him the same four stars, framed in a case. "You deserve them more than I do," he said.

America had sent the peacekeeping force to Lebanon in an effort to stabilize the country in the midst of its long-running civil war—a move opposed by Syria and its ally Iran, who saw themselves as the only players in town. The barracks bombing, which U.S. investigators later attributed to Syrian and Iranian proxies, hammered home this point. Shortly afterward, American forces withdrew. In his autobiography, Ronald Reagan called the day of the bombing the saddest of his presidency, "and perhaps the saddest day of my life."



On 22-23 October 2013, the Beirut Veterans of America (BVA) and The Beirut Connection will hold a remembrance ceremony at Camp Lejeune, home of the Beirut Memorial, to honor the fallen heroes who were killed 30 years ago.

The ceremony will also honor the service of those who participated in the 1958 Beirut landing, and the

scores of other servicemen who died and were wounded in Beirut between 1982 and '84. A total of 270 were killed in Beirut and hundreds more injured during those 2 years.

The senior officer killed in the bombing was Major Andy L. Davis who had sworn our own Senior Vice Commander, Chris Mulholland, into the Marine Corps in 1980.



Sr. Vice Cdr Chris Mulholland in 1983

The 1983 bombing was the most serious terrorist act against Americans ever experienced at that time and a precursor of what was to come. Parallels have been drawn between it and the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and it has been confirmed that some of the same terrorists were involved in both.

The BVA is a veteran's group formed in 1992 to ensure that the servicemen killed in Beirut will

always be remembered. The Beirut Connection is a group of families who joined together soon after the bombing to mourn their deceased men in Beirut and have stayed together since.

The groups will mark the 30th Remembrance at the Beirut Memorial. The memorial includes a wall with the names of all those killed during the Marine "peacekeeping" mission in Beirut, Lebanon from 1982-84 as well as the three during the Grenada rescue mission.

The 30th Remembrance will feature a private candlelight vigil at the Memorial at 6 a.m. on October 23rd, where all the names on the wall will be read aloud by family members and fellow service men and women.

"Reading their names aloud ensures that these men are remembered for their courage and their sacrifice," says Bob Jordan, a retired Marine Corps major and the founding president of the BVA. This sentiment echoes the BVA motto, "The First Duty is to Remember."

At 10:30 a.m. on the 23rd, there will be a special ceremony held at the Memorial, featuring guest speakers, military band music, and memorial wreath presentation. A senior officer from Headquarters Marine Corps in Washington, D.C. will be dispatched by the Commandant of the Marine Corps to speak at the event.

President Ronald Reagan first sent Marines to Beirut in 1982 to assist in the evacuation of 600 civilians from 2 dozen countries out of Beirut when political unrest made the area unsafe. Some small Navy and Army units were attached to Marine units.

Later, they helped see to the safe evacuation of Yassar Arafat and his 15,000-man PLO army from Beirut.

Marines were called in again as part of a multi-national peacekeeping force to try and keep the peace while Lebanon's government had a chance to reform after the assassination of President Bashir Gemayel. Meanwhile, President Reagan authorized a successful military intervention to rescue American students threatened by a communist regime in Grenada. The unit that was on ships heading to Beirut to relieve the Marine unit decimated by the bombing was diverted to carry out the Grenada mission.

The Beirut deployment started quietly, but gradually hostilities among the many warring factions in Beirut drew the Marines into increasing levels of involvement.



"They Came In Peace"

The hostilities peaked with the truck bombing and continued until President Reagan withdrew the forces in 1984.

Marines had also been sent to Beirut in 1958 on a similar mission, but one that ended without a similar turn of events as in the 1982-84 deployment. That deployment is credited with delaying the Lebanese civil war for almost two decades.

- **Oct. 23**, 6 am Candlelight Vigil at the Beirut Memorial
- **Oct. 23**, 1030 am, Remembrance service at Memorial
- **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

IN FLANDERS FIELD by John McCrae

Though the Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28 June 1919, Armistice Day, declared on 11 November 1918, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the Great War. Every year Post 2894 republishes the famous poem written during the height of World War I by the late Colonel John McCrae of the Canadian Forces:

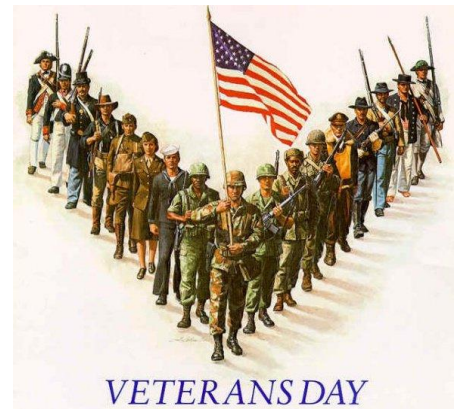
*In Flanders Fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*



*We are the dead.
Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw,
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.*

VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

This year's Chesapeake Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, 11 November, at 11 am at the Veteran's Memorial in front of City Hall. There will be wreath laying and a featured speaker. Please come and honor all those who served our country in uniform.



VETERANS DAY

✚ SAFETY CORNER ✚ OCTOBER IS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is Fire Prevention Month. The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 9, 1871.

There are many things that people can do to improve their safety at home, school, or work from a **FIRE**

The US Fire Administration reports that fires kill more than 4,000 Americans each year and approximately injure 20,000 more. US fire departments respond to nearly 2 million fires each year, with three-quarters of them occurring in residences.



A home is often referred to as a safe haven. This month, make sure your home is protected from (and your family is prepared for) a fire. Here are 10 simple tips to help you avoid fires and reduce the risk of injury should one occur:

- 1) **Smoke Alarms** – These are still a very important addition to your home. Smoke alarms are widely available and inexpensive. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test it monthly.
- 2) **Prevent Electrical Fires** – Don't overload circuits or extension cords. Cords and wires should never be placed under rugs or in high traffic areas. Avoid loose electrical connections by checking the fit of the plug in the wall outlet. If the plug loosely fits, inspect the outlet right away. A poor connection between the plug and the outlet can cause overheating and can start a fire in minutes.
- 3) **Keep Plugs Safe** – Unplug all appliances when not in use. Follow the manufacturer's safety precautions and use your senses to spot any potential disasters. If a plug is overheating, smells strange, shorts out or sparks – the appliance should be shut off immediately, then replaced or repaired.
- 4) **Alternate Heaters** – Make sure there is ample space around any portable heating unit. Anything that could catch fire should be at least three feet away. Inspect your chimney annually and use fire screens to help keep any fires in the fireplace.
- 5) **Fire Safety Sprinklers** – When combined with working smoke alarms, home fire sprinklers greatly increase your chance of surviving a fire. Sprinklers are affordable and they can increase property value and lower insurance rates.
- 6) **Create An Escape Route** – Create and practice your escape plan with your family from every room in the house. Practice staying low to the floor and checking for hot doors using the back of your hand. It's just like a routine school fire drill – but in your home.
- 7) **Position Appliances Carefully** – Try to keep TV sets, kitchen and other appliances away from windows with curtains. If there is a wiring problem, curtains can spread a fire quickly. Additionally, keeping your appliances away from water sources (like rain coming in from windows) can help prevent wiring damage which can lead to a fire.
- 8) **Clean Dryer Vents** – Clothes dryers often start fires in residential areas. Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes to dry or after the drying cycle is

complete. Make sure your exhaust duct is made of metal tubing and not plastic or foil. Clean the exhaust duct with a good quality dryer vent brush to prevent blockage & check for lint build up behind the dryer at least twice a year.

9) **Be Careful Around the Holidays** – If you fill your home with lights during the holiday season, keep them away from anything that can easily catch fire. Check all of your lights prior to stringing them up and dispose of anything with frayed or exposed wires.

10) **Conduct Regular Inspections** – Check all of your electronic equipment and wiring at least once a month. Taking a little time to do this each month can really pay off.

Following these simple tips could potentially save your life or the life of a loved one. Pass this list on to your friends and family and make this fire prevention month count.

Read more: <http://www.quickenloans.com/blog/fire-prevention-month-10-ways-protect-prepare-fire#ixzz2braYyBmd>.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

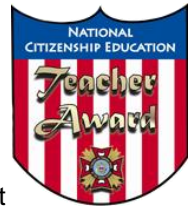
If you know a teacher who plans field trips to city hall, organizes community volunteer projects or invites local veterans to speak in class – anything to help students develop a better understanding of democratic values and beliefs – this award is for them. Nominations for Teacher of the Year are now being accepted. Teachers who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism are prime candidates.

Nominations can be submitted by fellow teachers, supervisors or other interested individuals. Post 2894 will recognize three outstanding teachers in grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. VFW Post 2894 will then submit their winning names to VFW Virginia District 2 for judging.

From there, selected winners will be forwarded to the VFW Virginia Department. Once judged on the state level, the winners are passed along to VFW National Headquarters for consideration in the national awards contest.

The **deadline** for the 2013-14 program is **November 1, 2013**.

Entry forms can be downloaded at:
www.vfw.org/Community/Teacher-of-the-Year



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY



Since 1947, the Voice of Democracy has been the Veterans of Foreign Wars' (VFW's) premier scholarship program. Each year, more than 50,000 high school students compete for more than \$2.3 million in scholarships and incentives. Students compete by writing and recording a broadcast

script on an annual patriotic theme.

Prizes and scholarships are awarded at the local, district, state and national level. Department (State) winners receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to tour the city, meet our nation's leaders, be honored by the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary and receive their portion of \$151,000 in national awards, the top scholarship being \$30,000.

The Voice of Democracy Program is open to students in grades 9-12, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.

Students should record their reading of the draft to a CD. The recording can be no shorter than 3 and no longer than 5 minutes (plus or minus 5 seconds).

The **deadline** for the 2013-14 program is **November 1, 2013** and the theme is: **“Why I'm Optimistic About our Nation's Future.”**

Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to a CD, they can submit their typed version, CD and the Voice of Democracy entry form to VFW Post 2894.

Entry forms can be downloaded at:

www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy

PATRIOT'S PEN

The Patriot's Pen program is open to students in grades 6-8, who are enrolled in a public, private or parochial high school or home study program in the United States and its territories.



The **deadline** for the 2013-14 program is **November 1, 2013**. The theme for 2012-2013 is: **“What Patriotism Means to Me.”** Essays must be between 300-400 words long and should be submitted to a Post 2894 officer, along with the completed entry form.

Entry forms can be downloaded at:

www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen

NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD

Let's recognize our local heroes! Every year the VFW selects emergency services persons, law enforcement officers and firefighters for National VFW Awards. Too often we read articles about heroic deeds performed by an officer of the law, a firefighter, or an EMT and there's no recognition for what they've done. Every day they put their lives on the line for us and our community, so let's work together to make a difference and show them our appreciation.

Available awards include:

- **Emergency Medical Technician National Award** – Anyone who actively gives emergency medical treatment, provides rescue service or civil disaster assistance as a member of any public or volunteer company organized to

give emergency medical care, provide rescue and civil disaster assistance to our nation's citizens.



- **Law Enforcement National Award** – Anyone who serves in a municipal, county, state or federal unit tasked with enforcement of the laws pertaining to their area of responsibility, including correctional custody. This award does not apply to individuals employed by private companies or security services.

- **Firefighters National Award** – Anyone who actively fights fires as member of a public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give assistance to our nation's citizens.

Nominees must have demonstrated:

- Recognition by colleagues or those they serve.
- Consistent excellence in performance of duties.
- Consistent dedication to official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in professional responsibilities and skills.

Nominations must include:

- Nomination letter containing name, title, address, telephone and identifying award for which considered.
- One page resume of overall background.
- One page resume of background in their field.
- One page listing of accomplishment and awards in field.
- Photograph (preferably portrait)

Nominations are due to the Post by 1 Jan 2014.

HAVE FUN IN CHESAPEAKE!!!

There are so many activities to enjoy in Chesapeake this fall, from the Farmer's Market to dog shows; all kinds of fun runs (including mud, dirt, 'cosmic', and zombies!); planetarium presentations; food, wine, and oyster fests; and craft shows! All you have to do is go! Chesapeake's activities are listed on the city's website at www.visitchesapeake.com/things-to-do/events/index.cfm. Check it out!



CHESAPEAKE FARMER'S MARKET

If you haven't been to one of Chesapeake's two Farmer's Markets, you need to! One is at Battlefield Park, 120 Reservation Road, beside the canal on the south side of the Great Bridge bridge. The second location is at



Chesapeake City Park.

The markets operate from 8 AM - 1 PM on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with local farmers offering fresh vegetables, herbs, and plants.

For more information, call the Agriculture Office at (757) 382-6348

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!



CHESAPEAKE'S LAKESIDE PARK MEMORIAL

The following article was in the Virginia-Pilot of 6 July:
Chesapeake memorial honors those killed in combat

Salute to 8 WWI vets in Chesapeake gets expanded role
BY GARY A. HARKI The Virginian-Pilot

CHESAPEAKE Arthur Donahoe was just 17 years old when he was shot in the head and killed in Argonne, France, during World War I.

His death, along with the deaths of several other south Norfolk men from the same division, ultimately led to the dedication of a war memorial at Lakeside Park on Thursday in honor of all veterans since World War I who have given their lives in combat.

Donahoe was part of the 318th Regiment, 80th Division, which was made up almost entirely of Virginians.



Activated in September 1917, by the fall of the following year the regiment was part of the massive Meuse-Argonne offensive, one of the war's final, bloody trench-warfare battles. From Sept. 26 to Nov. 11, 1918, the day Germany signed an armistice with the Allies,

117,000 American soldiers and more than 277,000 on both sides lost their lives.

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert "Bobby" Dail, who spoke at the memorial dedication ceremony, said his grandfather, Charles E. Cherry, was in the same regiment as Donahoe and told him stories of his time fighting in France.

He said his grandfather would lie awake at night wondering what would happen in the morning, when he had to "go over the top" and leave his trench to attack the Germans.

"He said he would wonder if he would be one of the one-third of the men who didn't make it back," Dail said.

While Dail's grandfather survived the war, eight of his fellow south Norfolk soldiers, including Donahoe, did not.

In May 1939, trees were planted and small plaques placed in Lakeside Park as a memorial to those eight men: Donahoe, Truman Lazarus Brown, John P. Gorman, Norman Albert Hempel, Howard Lonnie Johnson, Nicholas L. Keller, Vernon Parr and James M. Stewart.

Over the years, the memorial seemed to vanish. Some of the trees died and the plaques disappeared.

Robert "Bobby" Clifton, former director of the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department, said one of the plaques was found in 1992 when the city dredged the small lake in Lakeside Park.

He was surprised not just that the plaque was found, but also that it was his uncle, Arthur Donahoe, whose name was on it.

"For years I'd asked my relatives about the plaques and they said they were in the park, but we couldn't find them," Clifton said. "Oh, I was flabbergasted when we found it."

Clifton said he took the plaque for safe keeping but never intended to keep it as a family heirloom. He wanted to see it put back in the park as a memorial.

It took more than 20 years to see that plan become a reality.

First, the city surveyed the area, looking for more of the plaques. The plaque for Vernon Parr was eventually found buried in the park, but the others remain lost.

Then money had to be raised to build a memorial. Clifton estimates about \$100,000 has gone into the project. The South Norfolk Ruritans, a service group that Clifton is a part of, led the campaign.

Now there are monuments to World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War and the War on Terror, he said. The World War I monument sits in between the plaques for Donahoe and Parr.

"We demonstrate the kind of people we are by honoring these men and women today," Dail said in his dedication speech.

<http://hamptonroads.com/2013/07/chesapeake-memorial-honors-those-killed-combat>

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:** Gary Shaffer, Craig Devonshire, Carl Dozier, Mike Morris
- **Awards Committee:** Chris Mulholland, Travis Maslowski
- **Membership Committee:** Gary Shaffer, Chris Mulholland
- **Building Committee:** Gary Shaffer, Carl Dozier, Mike Morris – this is researching the acquisition of 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!

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

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MILITARY HISTORY in OCTOBER

- 1880 John Philip Sousa becomes director of the Marine Corps Band
- 1942 Maiden flight of Bell P-59 Airacomet, first US jet fighter
- 1943 Allied forces liberate Naples
- 1957 B-52 bombers begin full-time flying alert in case of USSR attack, which continues until the early 1990s
- 1799 Washington Navy Yard established
- 1921 The Unknown Soldier leaves France aboard USS 'Olympia' (C-6)
- 1942 Aleutians: US troops occupy the Andreanof Islands
- 1821 First USN squadron sails for anti-slavery patrol off Africa
- 1862 Battle of Shiloh ends (from Oct 3)
- 1943 US aircraft & ships raid Japanese positions on Wake Is, leading to the execution of American civilians held prisoner
- 1781 Americans & French begin siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown
- 1777 Second Battle of Saratoga (Bemis Heights): Americans win
- 1780 Battle of King's Mountain: Tories defeated by Patriot militia
- 2001 US & Allies initiate war in Afghanistan after the Taliban refuses to surrender Osama bin Laden
- 1918 Sgt Alvin York captures "the whole damned German Army"
- 1942 Guadalcanal: Marines encircle Japanese 4th Inf Regt
- 1944 17 US carriers raid the Ryukyus
- 1861 Battle of Dumfries/Quantico Creek, Va
- 1944 Japan announces it will "fight to the last man, woman, child, weapon, and piece of equipment."
- 2000 Islamist suicide boat attack on the USS 'Cole' (DDG-67) at Aden, 17 die, c. 40 wounded
- 1775 Congress establishes the Continental Navy
- 1812 Battle of Queenstown Height: British/Canadians defeat the Americans
- 1864 John Mosby raids Harpers Ferry

MILITARY HISTORY in NOVEMBER

- 14** 1942 Guadalcanal: Japanese ships land reinforcements, shell Marines
1942 New Guinea: Heavy fighting, Templeton's Crossing, Kokoda Trail.
1943 US Army Air Force bombs Schweinfurt
- 15** 1944 Peleliu secured: Japanese KIA c. 12,000, US over 1,200.
- 16** 1775 Portland, Maine, burned by the British
1859 John Brown's "Raid" on Harper's Ferry
1863 U.S. Grant is named commander of Union forces in the West
1940 WW II draft begins; #158 is drawn first
- 17** 1777 British General John Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga
1781 British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown
- 18** 1776 Col John Glover & his Marblehead Regiment fight the British in the Bronx
1859 US Marines under Robert E. Lee capture John Brown & his party at Harper's ferry
1944 Rangers begin landing on outlying islands in Leyte Gulf.
- 19** 1879 William Tecumseh Sherman says "War is hell"
1950 UN forces enter Pyongyang, capital of North Korea
1951 Pres Truman formally ends state of war with Germany
- 20** 1944 MacArthur returns to the Philippines at Leyte, with 200,000 troops
1944 US First Army secures Aachen
- 21** 1797 USS 'Constitution' - 'Old Ironsides' - is launched at Boston
1892 Pres Grover Cleveland unveils the Soldiers' & Sailors' Arch at Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn
- 22** 1875 Sons of the American Revolution organized
1954 West Germany joins NATO
1962 Missile Crisis: JFK imposes naval blockade on Cuba
- 23** 1942 Guadalcanal: Battle of Edson's Ridge - Japanese assault broken
1944 Battle of Leyte Gulf begins, runs to the 26th: Greatest sea fight in history
1983 Beirut: Suicide truck bomb kills 243 US personnel
- 25** 1943 USAAF bombers from China raid Japanese airfields on Formosa.
1983 US forces occupy Grenada
- 26** 1861 Last ride of the Pony Express
1881 Gunfight at the OK Corral, Tombstone
1944 Leyte Gulf ends: losses, Japan 34 major warships, US 6.
- 27** 1775 Congress formally establishes a US Navy
1810 U.S. annexes West Florida from Spain
1954 Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. becomes the first black general in USAF
1962 Cuban Missile Crisis: The Soviets blink
- 29** 1929 "Wall Street Lays an Egg": The Crash of '29
1944 Near Aachen, 1st Inf Div Rabbi Sidney Lefkowitz & cantor PFC Max Fuchs conduct the first Jewish service for American troops on German soil, broadcast worldwide, with accompanying artillery fire
- 30** 1954 Defense Department announces elimination of all segregated units
- 31** 1803 US Frigate 'Philadelphia' grounds off Tripoli, & is taken by the Barbary pirates
1952 First thermonuclear bomb detonated, the Marshall Islands
1968 President Johnson orders a halt to all bombing of North Vietnam
- 1** 1765 Stamp Act goes into effect in British colonies
1784 Maryland grants citizenship to Lafayette & his descendants
1835 Texians begin siege of San Antonio (it falls Dec 4)
1943 Bougainville: 3rd Marine Div lands at Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay
- 2** 1783 Washington's "Farewell Address to the Army," at Rocky Hill, near Princeton
1917 First US troops KIA in France
1944 US & Filipino troops clear Japanese from the central valley on Leyte.
- 3** 1783 The Continental Army is mustered out of service, Rocky Hill, NJ
1979 Teheran: Iranians storm the US embassy to take 63 hostages
- 4** 1862 Richard J. Gatling receives a patent for a clever device
1950 US troops retreat from Pyongyang, North Korea
- 5** 1917 Maj. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr, leads the first American patrol into "No Man's Land"
1944 B-29s from China bomb Singapore.
- 7** 1973 The War Powers Act becomes law
- 8** 1942 Operation Torch: U.S. and British forces land in northwestern Africa
1950 Lt. Russell J. Brown's F-86 scores a North Korean MiG-15 in history's first jet-on-jet combat
- 9** 1921 The Unknown Soldier arrives at Washington aboard USS 'Olympia'
1984 "Three Servicemen" Statue added to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
1989 The Berlin Wall comes down
- 10** 1775 Congress establishes a Marine Corps
1814 Congress enacts a draft; War of 1812 ends before it is implemented
1945 Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald liberated by US
1954 USMC ["Iwo Jima"] Memorial dedicated in Arlington
- 11** 1839 Virginia Military Institute opens
1864 Sherman's March: Burning of Rome, Georgia
1918 The Armistice ends modern Germany's first bid for world domination.
1921 Escorted by 30 holders of the Medal of Honor, the "Unknown Soldier" is laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery
- 12** 1942 Naval Battle of Guadalcanal begins
- 13** 1775 Americans under Maj Gen Richard Montgomery capture Montreal
1942 Minimum US draft age reduced from 21 to 18
1943 B-24s from Funafuti and Canton bomb Tarawa and Makin, in the Gilberts.
1982 Vietnam War Memorial dedicated
- 15** 1864 Sherman burns what the Confederates haven't of Atlanta
1940 The first 75,000 US draftees report for duty
- 16** 1982 Maiden voyage of the Space Shuttle 'Columbia'
- 17** 1869 Suez Canal opens
1913 Panama Canal opens
- 18** 1961 JFK sends 18,000 military advisors to South Vietnam
- 19** 1492 Columbus lands in Puerto Rico
1863 Abraham Lincoln gives his Gettysburg speech
1944 U.S. troops land on New Guinea

- 1950 Eisenhower becomes supreme commander of NATO
- 1999 USCG Capt Earl R. Fox, Public Health Service, retires; last WW II veteran on active service
- 20** 1862 Confederate Army of Tennessee formed under Gen Braxton Bragg
- 1866 First national convention of the Grand Army of the Republic
- 21** 1943 Operation Galvanic: Marines in heavy fighting on Tarawa, National Guardsmen advance on Makin, while Marines land on Abemama, 75 mi SE of Tarawa.
- 22** 1943 FDR, Churchill, & Chiang meet to discuss ways to defeat Japan
- 23** 1863 Battles of Chattanooga & Orchard Knob, TN begins
- 1943 Operation Galvanic: US forces secure Tarawa & Makin
- 1944 Gen Patch's Seventh Army captures Strassbourg
- 24** 1944 First B-29 raid from Saipan; 111 bombers hit Tokyo.
- 25** 1943 Battle of Cape St. George: 5 US destroyers sink 3 Japanese destroyers
- 1961 USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65), the first nuclear-powered carrier, is commissioned
- 26** 1862 Lincoln meets ". . . the little lady who started this big war," Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 27** 1789 President George Washington proclaims the last Thursday in November a day of prayer and thanksgiving
- 1901 Army War College established in Washington
- 1944 B-29s from the Marianas hit Tokyo
- 28** 1795 US pays \$800,000 & a frigate for "protection" from Algerian & Tunisian pirates
- 29** 1760 Rogers' Rangers capture Detroit from the French
- 1887 US receives basing rights at Pearl Harbor
- 1890 The first Army-Navy game, West Point: Navy 24, Army 0
- 1929 Rear Adm Richard E. Byrd, US, makes the first flight over the South Pole.
- 30** 1782 Preliminary Treaty of Paris: American and British delegated sign preliminary articles to end the Revolutionary War
- 1943 Teheran Conference: FDR, Churchill, & Stalin agree that Operation Overlord will be launched in May of 1944

FROM THE EDITOR

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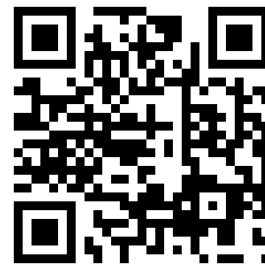
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POST 2894 CALENDAR

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
2	Great American Food Fest, Chesapeake City Park
9	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
12	Chesapeake Virginia Wine Festival, Chesapeake City Park
12-13	Waterways Heritage Festival, Great Bridge Lock Park
14	Columbus Day
16	Boss' Day
23	30 th Anniversary of Beirut Bombing
31	Halloween

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
3	Daylight Savings ends
5	Election Day
11	Veteran's Day Ceremony, Chesapeake City Hall (11 am)
13	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
16	Oyster & South Festival, Greenbrier Farms
28	Thanksgiving Day



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