

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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SSG JONATHAN KILIAN DOZIER POST 2894



Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings comrades, I would like to wish each of you and your families a wonderful holiday season as we prepare to celebrate Christmas and the coming New Year.

I also encourage each of you to go out and share the news about our Post with all your friends and to recruit possible new members.

Thank you to all who showed up to honor our fellow servicemen and women on Veterans' Day at the Chesapeake's ceremony in front of City Hall. It was an inspiring ceremony, especially when a group from

the next generation stood up and took their oath of enlistment.

The guest speaker was CDR Paul Galanti, USN (ret) who

currently serves as Virginia's Commissioner of the Department of Veteran Services. Commissioner Galanti spent seven years as a POW in North Vietnam and is a noted motivational

speaker.

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

Respectfully,

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THE "SINSIL 8"

Our Post is named after American hero SSG Jonathan K. Dozier, US Army, a fellow "Chesapeakean" and the son of our previous Commander. This January will mark the 6th anniversary of his death. For those new to the Post, here is his story:

The military was in Staff Sergeant Jonathan Dozier's blood. His great-grandfather Joseph Henry Dozier fought in the Civil War, his grandfather Wilbur I. "Red" Dozier served during World War II, and his father, Carl Dozier, spent 28 years in the Army, serving in both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. "From a baby, I guess I inculcated in him that desire," said his father.

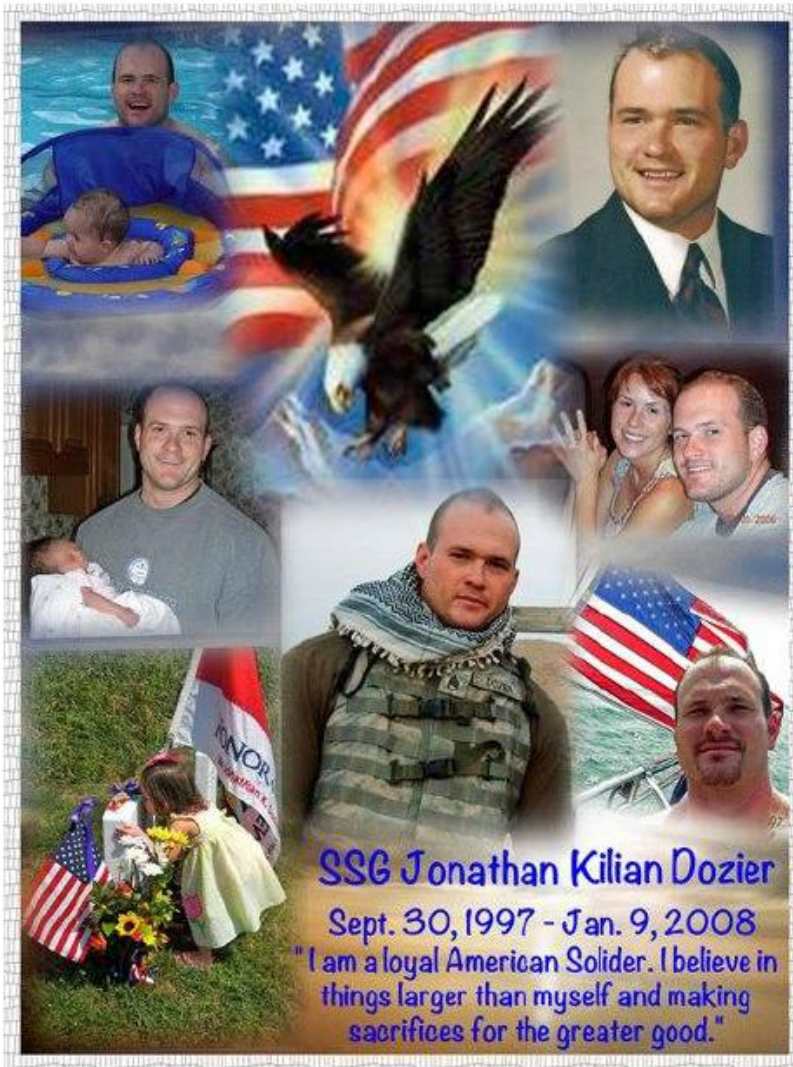
Jon was born in Norfolk on September 30th, 1977 to Carl and Martha Dozier (now Martha Cabe) and grew up in Chesapeake, Virginia, attending schools in Great Bridge before graduating from Fork Union Military Academy in central Virginia.

He enlisted in the Army reserves in 1997 and spent the next four years balancing military service and college. He attended Virginia Commonwealth University before transferring to Middle Tennessee State University where he studied international affairs (2000-'01). Between 1998 and '99 he served in Korea before returning to the US and tours in Georgia, North Carolina, and Washington. Noted for his maturity, knowledge, and skills, he quickly rose through the ranks. After 9-11, he felt an obligation to his country and entered the US Army full-time.

Jon was a man with great looks and great intellect. His father said his curly-haired son had the looks, strength and courage of Samson; his mother said he could go on "Jeopardy" and answer every question.

In April 2005, he reenlisted while assigned to Special Operations Command (SOCOM) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. In September 2006, Jon transferred to Rose Barracks, Vilseck, Germany and joined a scout platoon with Hammer Company, 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment ("Second Dragoons"), 1st Armored Division. The Second Dragoons trace their lineage back to the early part of the 19th century where the 2nd Cavalry has the distinction of being the longest continuously serving regiment in the Army.

On 11 August 2007 Jon was deployed to Iraq and, one month later, celebrated his 30th birthday. In November he raised his right hand and reenlisted for another tour. In a letter home, Jon wrote: "I am a loyal American soldier. I believe in things larger than myself and making sacrifices for the



greater good."

His father said, "Selfless service is something we don't understand anymore. Jon did make a sacrifice for the greater good. He didn't have to stay in, but he felt like he had to. He felt the responsibility."

With the start of 2008, Jon was promoted to Staff Sergeant. A week later, on January



9th, 2008, he led a group of soldiers in the search of a house in Sinsil, Diyala Province, about sixty miles north of Baghdad, Iraq. The structure had been checked out and cleared of hazards about two weeks earlier, but insurgents apparently had snuck back into it afterwards and rigged it with explosives.

After Jon and his men entered the building, Sunni insurgents detonated a massive improvised explosive device (IED) killing all six soldiers. Killed alongside Jon were SPC Todd Davis (30) of Raymore Missouri; SSG Sean Gaul (29) of Reno, Nevada; SGT Zachary McBride (20) of Bend, Oregon; SFC Class Matthew Pionk (30), of Superior, Wisconsin; and SG T Christopher Sanders (22) of Roswell, New Mexico; as well as an Iraqi translator, Mohammed al Latefe. In October 2011, a seventh soldier, Jordan Riddle, who had been critically wounded in the blast, died as a result of his sorrow and a broken heart. Now they are all collectively known as the "Sinsil 8."

Carl Dozier last spoke with his son two days before he was killed, "He was doing fine. You know, they can't say but so much, but based on what he could tell me, I know that they were getting ready to go after the bad guys."

Staff Sergeant Dozier's plan when he returned from Iraq was to get into Special Forces training. "He had career goals, was planning on staying in the Army," Carl said. "He just re-upped for an additional 18 months. He wanted to study Farsi. He was thinking about the future. And his future was looking good."

On 22 January 2008, Jon was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery as the 402nd member of the military killed in Iraq to be buried there. He is buried in Section 60, Site 8727.

During the ceremony, folded flags were touched for a long moment to the container holding his remains before being given to his wife, Amy Dozier, his father, and his mother.

"He was a warrior," Carl said. "He looked after the welfare of his soldiers. He was a brave soldier. He chose to be in the sniper recon. He knew the dangers that were inherent."

During his tenure in the Army, Jonathan was awarded the Bronze Star for Meritorious Valor, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the

Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korean Defense Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, two Overseas Service Ribbons, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Parachute Badge and the Expert Rifle Badge.

"You never plan on having to bury your son," Carl added. "I knew there was always the risk because of the profession he was in. He wasn't a wrench turner or a pencil pusher. He was the tip of the spear."

Jonathan left a daughter, Emma; a sister, three nephews, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

At a memorial service in Vilseck, Capt. David A. Dykema, commander of the rear detachment of his squadron, delivered a eulogy in which he called Dozier "a natural leader of men, not afraid to shoulder responsibility."

Jonathan will always be remembered for his sensitive, caring ways and his ability to gather many friends for "celebrations."

"He had a vibrant life," Carl Dozier said. "He believed in something bigger than himself, and, you know I couldn't ask for a son to understand life better than that."



+ SAFETY CORNER **+**
DECEMBER IS MENTAL WELLNESS &
HOLIDAY SAFETY MONTH

Check out the tips below to increase mental wellness:

- **Exercise your mind**-Keep your brain sharp as you age by simple tricks like using your opposite hand, solving a riddle, or reading a book about a new subject.
- **Reduce stress**-Examine the source of your stress, discover healthy coping mechanisms, eliminate unnecessary stressors, accept situations you have no control of, and develop relaxation techniques that work for you.
- **Take time to reflect** at the end of the day on everything that's been good. Research shows that being grateful makes us happier.
- **Tap into your creative genius** through creative writing, dancing, drawing, knitting or woodworking; honor your natural talents, abilities, and passion.
- **Balance work, rest and play**-This is really important because we need some of all these things. Keep your body healthy. Getting enough sleep and proper nutrition is good for us.

- **Smile!** This makes you feel good as well as the person you smile at.
- **Build a strong support system.** Surround yourself with positive people. Avoid people or situations that drain your energy. Ensure that your support team offers unconditional love. Network with others who are motivated and aligned with your passion and purpose.
- **Spend time alone.** Allow positive time for solitude. Meditate and focus your thoughts.
- **Take responsibility for something**- a person, a pet, a garden or some other project.
- **Maintain a sense of humor** when facing certain life situations.

Keep friends and family safe during the Holiday Season!:

- At parties, be mindful of unfinished alcoholic drinks. If alcoholic drinks are swallowed by children or pets, serious illness or death can occur.
- Be mindful of the age appropriateness listed on toys. Do not re-wrap old toys as gifts as they could be hazardous and/or contain lead. Contact the US Consumer Product Safety Commission at 1-800-638-2772.
- Do not burn used wrapping paper in the fireplace. Many kinds of wrapping paper contain toxic metals like lead that burn at high temperatures and is not safe for the fireplace. Flames could spark out into the room causing a potential fire.

SCOUT OF THE YEAR



NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD

Annually, the Veterans of Foreign Wars recognizes four individuals: Eagle Scouts, Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, Venture Silver Award recipients and Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank. Prizes range up to \$5,000 scholarship for first place.

To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Gold Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached his or her 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post.

The **deadline** for this coming year is **March 1, 2014**.

Entry forms can be downloaded from the VFW website at:
www.vfw.org/Community/Scout-of-the-Year-Scholarship

BATTLE OF GREAT BRIDGE

The Battle of Great Bridge was fought December 9, 1775, in the area of Great Bridge, Virginia, early in the American Revolutionary War. The victory by Continental Army and militia forces led to the departure of Governor Lord Dunmore and removed all vestiges of British power from the Colony of Virginia during the early days of the conflict. Dunmore and the British fleet left for New York City in August 1776 and the Governor never returned to Virginia.

As a direct result of the victory at Great Bridge, four days after the battle, the Virginia Convention adopted the first public declaration expressing the spirit of independence.



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The annual reenactment of the battle will be held 7-8 Dec at Battlefield Park, right near the Great Bridge Locks. The event features re-enactments of two pivotal Revolutionary War battles: the Battle at Kemps Landing and the Battle of Great Bridge. The event also features Revolutionary War encampments, demonstrations, character portrayals, camp life, historical displays and lectures, skilled artisans demonstrating early American trades, and children's crafts and activities.

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!

“The Leaders’ Code”

The Post's Senior Vice Commander attended a luncheon on 8 November hosted by **Regent University** as part of its **Executive Leadership Series (ELS)**. This

series of luncheons brings together leaders and aspiring leaders for teaching and inspiration from some of today's most intriguing, innovative and influential men and women around the world. Here is the news article by Brett Wilson of Regent University:

ELS Welcomes Donovan Campbell



Marine Corp Captain (Ret.), Donovan Campbell. *Photo courtesy of Alex Perry.*

An attitude of humility and overwhelming thankfulness flooded the Founders Inn and Spa on Tuesday, Nov. 11, as members of the Hampton Roads professional community, including men and women in their military uniforms, congregated for Regent University's Executive Leadership Series (ELS). The luncheon, following the holiday set aside to celebrate United States veterans, featured decorated Marine Corps Captain (Ret.), Donovan Campbell.

"It is a delight to see so many military representatives here today," said Campbell. "And it is a real privilege to talk about something that is so near and dear to my heart."

Along with his passionate service with the Marines as a second lieutenant in the "Joker One" platoon of 160 on the frontlines of Iraq in 2004, Campbell is dedicated to the idea of virtuous servanthood at a time when trust in leadership is eroding.

Campbell explained that though military leadership is often misunderstood outside of the military community, it is fruitful in both times of peace and war. He guided his listeners through a story of a service member who frequently led his team through a search for bombs hidden in the battlefield—with the understanding that his body would act as a shield for the team behind him if the bombs ever detonated.

"That's what leadership is all about," said Campbell. "You have to have excellent character; character always comes before competency."

Throughout his tenure in the Marines, Campbell learned virtues he believes apply to all leaders in any arena. He challenged his listeners to seek after humility, explaining that in order to be effective, leaders need to set aside their insecurities and seek after truth.

"It's not about thinking less of yourself, it's about thinking of yourself less," said Campbell. "We have to be

honest, open and courageous and willing to be known for who we truly are."

Campbell also vouched for the leadership virtues of discipline with regard to "written and unwritten" codes of morality, explaining that leaders should not participate in behaviors such as lying, stealing or cheating, nor tolerate those who do.

Other traits such as excellence, dedication to your mission, and courage are also among Campbell's training in "virtuous leadership." He claimed that these traits should not be given simple "lip service" but should be demonstrated in every action and decision, large and small.

"All of us are guaranteed to be faced with hard moral decisions, whether you're in the military or not," said Campbell. "We need to ask ourselves if we want to be brave with these moral dilemmas or if we just want to avoid pain."

As he exemplified these virtues throughout his journey in the Marines—earning a Combat Action Ribbon and a Bronze Star with Valor for his dedicated service in Iraq—and through graduating with honors from Princeton University, Campbell submits to the virtue of humility, claiming his life is the result of "unintentional success."

An "accidental" job description as writer and speaker followed the release of his first book, *Joker One: A Platoon's Story of Courage, Leadership, and Brotherhood*. Campbell collected stories during his studies at Harvard Business School, burdened by the fact that many of the troops under his command had difficulty explaining stories that unfolded on the frontlines overseas. The book later appeared on *The New York Times'* bestseller list.

Campbell's latest book, *The Leader's Code: Mission, Character, Service, and Getting the Job Done* was released in April 2013.

As he continues to value his time as a gift, Campbell proclaimed his goal to be a "good and faithful servant" during his life on earth, asking his audience to do the same.

"We have to decide every day to give our best, simply because we have a day to give it," said Campbell. "We have to decide to do our best with everything that has been given to us, and live every day well."

[http://www.regent.edu/news_events/?article_id=1698&view=full_article]

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.

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

MILITARY HISTORY in DECEMBER

- 1 **1918** An American army of occupation enters Germany.
- 1941** The first Civil Air Patrol is organized in US.
- 1955** Rosa Parks refuses to sit in the back of a Montgomery, Alabama, bus, defying the South's segregationist laws.
- 1969** America's first draft lottery since 1942 is held.
- 1986** Lt Col Oliver North pleads 5th Amendment before Senate panel investigating Iran-Contra arms sale.
- 2 **1823** President James Monroe proclaims Monroe Doctrine, "the

American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by European powers."

- 1944 General George S. Patton's troops enter Saar Valley and break through Siegfried line.
- 3 **1915** US expels German attaches on spy charges.
- 1918** Allied Conference ends in London where they decide that Germany must pay for WWI.
- 1989** Presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev announce official end of Cold War at meeting in Malta.
- 4 **1862** Winchester, Va., falls into Union hands.
- 1942** US planes make first raids on Naples, Italy.
- 1991** Last American hostages held in Lebanon are released.
- 5 **1933** 21st Amendment ends 13 year Prohibition in US.
- 1955** Bus boycott begins under leadership of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Montgomery, Alabama.
- 6 **1492** Columbus lands on Santo Domingo in search of gold.
- 1941** President Franklin D. Roosevelt issues a personal appeal to Emperor Hirohito to use his influence to avoid war.
- 7 **1917** US declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- 1941** Japanese planes raid Pearl Harbor in a surprise attack.
- 1942** US Navy launches USS *New Jersey*, largest battleship ever built.
- 8 **1943** US carrier-based planes sink two cruisers and down 72 planes in the Marshall Islands.
- 1944** US conducts longest, most effective air raid on Iwo Jima.
- 1948** UN approves recognition of South Korea.
- 1967** In battle in Mekong Delta, 365 Viet Cong killed.
- 9 **1775** Battle of Great Bridge, 1st Revolutionary War battle in the South, results in British rule leaving Virginia.
- 1992** US Marines land in Somalia to ensure food and medicine reaches the deprived areas of that country.
- 10 **1898** US and Spain sign Treaty of Paris, ceding Spanish possessions, including Philippines, to US.
- 1918** US troops called to guard Berlin as coup is feared.
- 1941** Japanese troops invade Philippine island of Luzon.
- 11 **1941** US declares war on Italy and Germany.
- 12 **1753** George Washington delivers ultimatum to French forces at Fort Le Boeuf, south of Lake Erie, reiterating Britain's claim to entire Ohio River valley.
- 13 **1814** General Andrew Jackson announces martial law as British troops disembark at Lake Borne, 40 miles east of city and Battle of New Orleans begins.
- 1862** Battle of Fredericksburg ends with bloody slaughter of onrushing Union troops at Marye's Heights where Maine's Colonel Chamberlain is wounded.
- 14 **1799** George Washington dies on his Mount Vernon estate.
- 1941** German Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel orders construction of defensive positions along European coastline.
- 15 **1890** As US Army soldiers attempt to arrest Sitting Bull at his cabin in Standing Rock, South Dakota, shooting breaks out and Lt. Bullhead shoots the great Sioux leader.
- 1924** Soviet Union warns US against repeated entry of ships into Soviet territorial waters.
- 1938** Washington sends fourth note to Berlin demanding amnesty for Jews.
- 1944** The battle for Luzon begins.
- 1965** US drops 12 tons of bombs on an industrial center near Haiphong Harbor, North Vietnam.
- 16 **1773** Boston Tea Party
- 1944** Germany mounts major offensive in Ardennes Forest in Belgium called "Battle of the Bulge".
- 1950** President Harry Truman declares National Emergency as Chinese communists invade deeper into South Korea.

- 1998** US launches missile attack on Iraq for failing to comply with UN weapons inspectors.
- 17 1903** Wright brothers make first successful flight in history of a self-propelled, heavier-than-air aircraft.
- 1944** US approves end to internment of Japanese Americans.
- 1981** Red Brigade terrorists kidnap BG James Dozier, highest-ranking US NATO officer in Italy.
- 18 1865** Slavery is abolished in US. 13th Amendment formally adopted into U.S. Constitution, ensuring that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude... shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."
- 1941** Defended by 610 Americans, Guam falls to more than 5,000 Japanese in a 3-hour battle.
- 1972** President Richard M. Nixon declares bombing of North Vietnam will continue until an accord is reached.
- 19 1959** Reputed to be last civil war veteran, Walter Williams, dies at 117 in Houston.
- 20 1802** US buys the Louisiana territory from France.
- 1941** The Flying Tigers, American pilots in China, enter combat against Japanese over Kunming.
- 1989** US troops invade Panama to oust General Manuel Noriega and replace him with Guillermo Endara.
- 21 1620** The Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock.
- 1862** US Congress authorizes Medal of Honor for Navy personnel who have displayed gallantry in action.
- 1944** German troops surround 101st Airborne Division at Bastogne in Belgium.
- 1945** General George S. Patton dies at age of 60 after being injured in car accident.
- 22 1944** General Anthony McAuliffe responds to German surrender request with one word answer: "Nuts!"
- 23 1941** US Marines and Navy defenders on Wake Island capitulate to a second Japanese invasion.
- 1944** General Eisenhower confirms death sentence of PVT Eddie Slovik, only American shot for desertion since Civil War.
- 1948** Japan's Prime Minister, Hideki Tojo and 6 others are hanged for war crimes.
- 24 1814** Treaty between US and Great Britain signed ending the War of 1812. News does not reach US until after Battle of New Orleans.
- 1943** General Eisenhower appointed Allied Supreme Commander, though most believed the position would go to American Chief of Staff George C. Marshall.
- 25 1925** US troops in Nicaragua disarm insurgents in support of the Diaz regime.
- 26 1776** After crossing Delaware River the night before, George Washington leads attack on Hessian mercenaries at Trenton and takes 900 prisoners.
- 1941** General Douglas MacArthur declares Manila an open city in face of onrushing Japanese Army.
- 27 1944** General Patton's Third Army, spearheaded by 4th Armored Division, relieves surrounded city of Bastogne.
- 1979** President Hafizullah Amin of Afghanistan murdered in coup backed by Soviet Union, beginning 10-year war.
- 28 1946** France declares martial law in Vietnam as full-scale war appears inevitable.
- 29 1778** British troops, attempting new strategy to defeat colonials in America, capture Savannah.
- 1890** Last major conflict of Indian wars takes place at Wounded Knee Creek after COL James W. Forsyth of 7th Cavalry tries to disarm Chief Big Foot and his followers.
- 1965** Christmas truce is observed in Vietnam, while President Johnson tries to get North Vietnam to bargaining table.
- 30 1972** After 2 weeks of heavy bombing raids on North Vietnam, President Nixon halts air offensive and agrees to resume peace negotiations with Hanoi.
- 2006** Saddam Hussein, former Iraq dictator, executed by hanging for crimes committed against his own people.

- 31 1775** George Washington orders recruiting officers to accept free blacks into the army.
- 1942** After five months of battle, Emperor Hirohito allows Japanese commanders at Guadalcanal to retreat.

MILITARY HISTORY in JANUARY

- 1** 1776 British torch Norfolk, Virginia
- 1863 Emancipation Proclamation goes into effect
- 1892 Ellis Island opens; over 12 million immigrants arrive in America there
- 1942 Philippine Army covers final withdrawal of South Luzon Force into Bataan
- 1950 First woman doctor commissioned in the USN, Mary T. Sproul
- 1950 Indo-China: Viet Minh open a major offensive against the French
- 1950 Puerto Rican nationalists attempt to kill Pres. Truman
- 1951 Massive Chinese/North Korean assault on UN-lines
- 1959 Triumphant entry of Fidel Castro into Havana as Fulgencio Batista flees
- 1962 US Navy SEAL teams established.
- 2** 1776 First American flag displayed
- 1945 USN convoys depart Leyte to invade Luzon, while beating off Kamikaze.
- 1954 The film "The Caine Mutiny" premieres, New York
- 3** 1777 Battle of Princeton: Washington defeats the British
- 1944 Marine ace "Pappy" Boyington (28 kills) captured by the Japanese
- 1990 Panama's Gen Manuel Noriega surrenders to US authorities
- 4** 1780 Snowstorm hits Washington's army at Morristown, NJ
- 1943 Japanese GHQ orders the evacuation of Guadalcanal.
- 1989 Second Gulf of Sidra Incident: two USN F-14s down two Libyan MiG-23s
- 5** 1608 Capt. John Smith is captured by the Indians
- 1781 Richmond burned by British forces under Benedict Arnold
- 6** 1776 Alexander Hamilton's "New York Provincial Company of Artillery" is organized; now the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, senior unit of the Regular Army
- 1927 US Marines sent to Nicaragua
- 1941 FDR's "Four Freedoms" address; of speech & worship, from want & fear.
- 7** 1942 Bataan: 15,000 US & 65,000 Philippine troops go on half-rations, as the Japanese close up to their lines
- 1953 Pres Truman announces development of the hydrogen bomb
- 8** 1815 Battle of New Orleans, 15 days after the Treaty of Ghent
- 1877 The Battle of Wolf Mountain, Montana: Crazy Horse is defeated by the U.S. Army - the last battle of the Great Sioux War
- 1973 Secret peace talks between US & North Vietnam resume near Paris
- 9** 1861 First Shot of the Civil War: US steamer 'Star of the West' is fired on by Confederate batteries off Charleston
- 1936 Garrand M-1 semi-automatic rifle adopted by the US Army
- 1942 FDR establishes the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- 1945 Luzon: Sixth Army lands in Lingayen Gulf.
- 1952 USMC recalls Ted Williams to active duty for the Korean War
- 10** 1776 Publication of Thomas Paine's "Common Sense"
- 1847 US Navy-Marine Corps landing party occupies Los Angeles

- 1943 Guadalcanal: U.S. forces begin a general offensive to eliminate Japanese.
- 1946 Army Signal Corps bounces a radar beam off the moon.
- 1** 1785 The Continental Congress convenes in New York
- 1**
- 1945 Japanese decide to put remaining resources into suicide weapons.
- 1991 Congress authorizes Pres G.H. W. Bush to undertake offensive operations against Iraq
- 1** 1946 The 82nd Airborne Division marches up Fifth Avenue to a tumultuous greeting
- 2**
- 1** 1865 US Army/Navy begins Siege of Ft Fisher, NC; falls Jan 15
- 3**
- 1968 Beginning of Tet Offensive in Vietnam
- 1** 1784 Congress ratifies the Treaty of Paris, ending the Revolutionary War
- 4**
- 1867 Alfred Nobel makes the first public demonstration of dynamite
- 1943 Casablanca Conference: FDR, Churchill, & Stalin
- 1969 Fire aboard USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65), off Vietnam, 28 die, 344 injured
- 1** 1865 Union soldiers, sailors, & marines (among them George Dewey), storm Ft Fisher, NC
- 5**
- 1943 Dedication of the Pentagon
- 1973 Pres Nixon suspends all US offensive action over North Vietnam
- 16** 1776 Continental Congress approves enlistment of free blacks
- 1944 Gen Eisenhower takes command of Operation Overlord
- 1957 Three B-52s leave California on the first non-stop world flight
- 1970 Col Kadhafi becomes premier of Libya, deposed & executed 2011
- 17** 1781 Battle of the Cowpens: Dan Morgan annihilates Banastare Tarleton's Anglo-Tory force
- 1955 USS 'Nautilus' (SSN-571) gets underway on nuclear power
- 1966 B-52 carrying four hydrogen bombs crashes off Spanish coast
- 1991 Operation Desert Storm: Coalition airstrikes against Iraq
- 18** 1911 First airplane landing on a ship: Eugene Ely in a Curtiss Flyer on USS 'Pennsylvania' (ACR-4)
- 1915 The U.S. Revenue Marine is renamed the U.S. Coast Guard
- 19** 1920 The Senate rejects American membership in the League of Nations
- 1942 Joe Louis defeats Buddy Baer and receives his draft notice!
- 20** 1778 First American court martial begins, Cambridge, Mass
- 1783 Hostilities cease in Revolutionary War
- 1887 Senate approves lease of Pearl Harbor for a base
- 1914 USN opens a school for aviators at Pensacola, Fla.
- 1944 Rapido River: US 36th Div begins two-day attempt to force German defenses
- 1958 Elvis receives "Greetings" from his Draft Board
- 1981 Illegally held by the Iranian government for 444 days, 52 Americans are finally released
- 1991 During an Iraqi attack on Israel, US Patriot missiles first used against SCUDs, with mixed success
- 21** 1903 The "Dick Act" creates the modern National Guard
- 1968 Battle of Khe Sanh begins -- ends Apr 8
- 22** 1944 Operating Shingle: Allies land at Anzio
- 1964 "Dr. Strangelove" released; we all learn to stop worrying and love the bomb
- 23** 1968 North Koreans capture USS 'Pueblo' & 83 crew in the East Sea/Sea of Japan
- 24** 1847 Col. Sterling Price defeats c. 1,500 Indians & Mexicans to secure New Mexico for the US
- 1848 James W. Marshall finds gold at Sutter's Mill near Sacramento, initiating the California Gold Rush
- 1908 Gen Robert Baden Powell founds the Boy Scouts
- 1935 Kreuger Brewing Company of Virginia introduces beer in cans
- 25** 1787 Capt Dan Shays' Rebels fail to capture the arsenal at Springfield, Mass
- 1945 Audie Murphy earns the Medal of Honor
- 1969 US-North Vietnamese peace talks begin in Paris
- 26** 1862 Lincoln issues General War Order #1, calling for a Union offensive
- 1911 Glenn Curtiss tests the first successful sea plane, San Diego
- 1913 John Paul Jones is laid to rest in the Chapel of the US Naval Academy
- 1942 Marines land in Northern Ireland - 1st US troops to reach Europe
- 1948 Executive Order 9981: Truman orders Segregation in the Armed Forces ended
- 27** 1915 US Marines begin occupation of Haiti
- 1943 First USAAF raid on Germany, at Wilhelmshafen
- 1973 US and North Vietnam sign cease-fire
- 1977 Pres Carter pardons most Vietnam War draft evaders (c. 10,000)
- 28** 1915 US Coast Guard created from the Life Saving and Revenue Cutter Services
- 1942 Ens. Donald Mason radios, "Sighted sub, sank same."
- 1986 Space Shuttle Challenger explodes shortly after launch, seven die.
- 29** 1904 New York subway opens
- 1944 USS 'Missouri' (BB-63) launched in Brooklyn
- 30** 1781 Articles of Confederation go into effect, establishing a perpetual union of "The United States of America"
- 1945 Philippians - Cabanatuan: 126 US & Filipino raiders liberate 500 prisoners from a Japanese P/W camp
- 31** 1929 Erich Maria Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front" is published
- 1944 U.S. troops land on Kwajelein and nearby islands in the Marshalls
- 1945 11th Airborne Div lands - by sea - at the south entrance to Manila Bay.
- 1961 Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr., becomes the first black American to command a warship, 'Falgout' (DE-324)
- 1981 Last enlisted USN aviator retires

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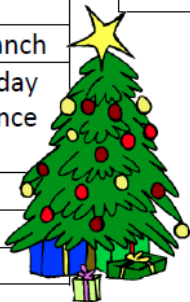
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<u>DECEMBER</u>	
7	Pearl Harbor Day
7	Chesapeake Christmas Parade, (6-8 pm)
7-8	Battle of Great Bridge reenactment
11	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
13-14	Christmas in the Country, Triple-R Ranch
19	Virginia Symphony Orchestra – Holiday Brass Concert, Chesapeake Conference Center (7 pm)
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
31	New Year's Eve

<u>JANUARY</u>	
1	New Year's Day
8	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
20	Martin Luther King Day





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