

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 Wednesday of month – 7:00 pm
Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge,
110 Kempsville Rd, Chesapeake, VA

Post Address:

VFW Post 2894

PO Box 15842

Chesapeake, VA 23328

Phone: 757-620-0087

Email: information@vfw2894.org

Web Site: www.vfw2894.org

Visit us on FaceBook

OFFICERS

Commander.....	Chris Mulholland
Sr. Vice Commander.....	John Guill
Jr. Vice Commander.....	Gary Shaffer
Adjutant.....	Tom Benson
Quartermaster.....	Craig Devonshire
Chaplain.....	Mike Morris
Surgeon.....	Ray Brogan
Staff Judge Advocate.....	Matt Hamel
Service Officer.....	Gary Dunbar

NATIONAL

www.vfw.org

STATE

www.vfwva.org

VFW VA DISTRICT 2

www.vfwwebcom.org/va/dist2

City of Chesapeake

www.visitchesapeake.com/things-to-do/events

SSG JONATHAN KILIAN DOZIER POST 2894



Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

NEWSLETTER – Vol. IV, Issue 5, October/November 2014

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Comrades! Please consider becoming a Life Member so that you no longer have to worry about annual dues.

We are well on our way to founding a Ladies' Auxiliary in our Post. We have been meeting with the District and Department Presidents, coordinating and planning our newest members. If your wife, daughter, mother, or sister is interested in helping out with VFW and Post activities in an official capacity, please let them know that we will be having additional news for them shortly.

In some really exciting news, our Service Officer, Gary Dunbar, has been doing some incredible work with our local HomeDepots. He has been identifying veterans or their widows who need help with their homes, such as ramps, new roofs and windows, wider doors, rebuilt bathrooms, etc. Gary has already committed the HomeDepot to almost \$250,000 of contributions!

It's that time of year again when we have the opportunity to recognize the younger generation of our country and their teachers. Students have only until 1 November to submit their entries for the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen awards. Also, we have an opportunity for a Teacher of the Year award that is due at the same time. Read about these awards later in this newsletter.

This past month of September was the 100th anniversary of the "War to End All Wars." During these 30 days, the German army marched through Belgium and into northern France. Interestingly, the French army had already marched into southern Germany by then. In the east, Germany had defeated a Russian force nearly three times their size. By mid September, the German army had reached their zenith for the war, arrayed along the Marne River and literally within eyesight of the Eiffel tower in Paris. But a catastrophic decision forced the Germans to retreat back to the Aisne River, dig in, and create the trenchline from the English Channel to Switzerland that characterized the remainder of the war. The US was still

several years away from getting involved but there were several grandfathers of our Post members who wore German uniforms and fought for their Kaiser.

Lastly, please come and help honor all veterans this Veterans' Day, 11 November, at Chesapeake City Hall.

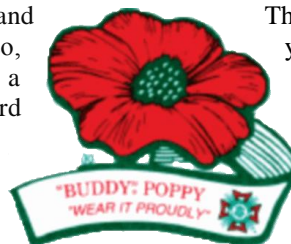
We would also like your help with handing out Buddy Poppies over the Veterans' Day weekend. Contact me for details.

Thanks again to all of you for your service to our country!

Semper Fidelis,

Chris Mulholland, Commander

majmule@cox.net



VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY

This year's Chesapeake Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 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 or are serving our country in uniform.

Comrade Wins 4 Gold Medals at National Veterans' Wheelchair Games!

One of our Post members won FOUR gold medals at the 34th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Philadelphia this past August! Ron Mayfield won first place in power soccer (powered wheelchair soccer), 50 yard swimming breaststroke, motorized slalom, and motorized rally. Ron is a medically retired US Navy Chief Petty Officer who is extremely active in a number of wounded warrior programs where he acts as a mentor and counselor.

Ron had just come back from several months' deployment on the ground in Bosnia when he went out hunting in western Virginia. As he sat on a log, aiming at a deer across a field, he had no idea that another hunter was aiming at the same deer from the other side. The buck shot hit him in the left side of the head and left him in a coma for 3 months. It took him over a year to talk again and even longer to become mobile.

He now uses a powered wheelchair but that hasn't stopped him from writing an autobiography, driving his truck, snow skiing, hand-biking, power soccer, swimming, and just about anything. More importantly, however, he is such an inspiring role model for so many of our severely wounded comrades. He regularly goes to the Hampton VA where he helps other brain-damaged veterans.

Ron is one of the founding members of the local Tidewater Piranhas Powersoccer Club with which he won second place at the US Nationals in just their second year of competition.



Ron spent a fantastic week in the "City of Brotherly Love", enjoying the competition and camaraderie. Every athlete provides for their own transportation and lodging and VFW Post 2894 is proud to have helped sponsor Ron's trip.

The NVWG was established by the Veterans' Administration (VA) in 1981 and four years later, the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) became a co-sponsor. It is the largest annual wheelchair sports competition of its kind in the world. This year's theme was "Where Heroes Make History."

Next year's games will be held in Dallas, Texas, and Ron is sure to be there!

"The Race to the Sea" Sep-Nov 1914

On 17 September 1914, on the Western Front in the Great War, the fabled "Race to the Sea" began. The term refers to reciprocal attempts by the Franco-British and German armies to outflank the opposing army through a series of forced marches. The result was a rapid extension of the front line through Picardy, Artois and Flanders, and not an attempt to advance northwards to the sea.

The "race" ended on the North Sea coast of Belgium around October 19, when the last open area from Dixmude to the North Sea was occupied by Belgian troops, who had been withdrawn from the Siege of Antwerp.

The outflanking attempts had resulted in a number of encounter battles but neither side was able to gain a decisive victory.

The First Battle of Ypres, also called the First Battle of Flanders was a First World War battle fought for the strategically important town of Ypres in western Belgium in October and November 1914. Ypres is pronounced "ee-prey" in French, but was called "Wipers" by the British soldiers, The German and Western Allied attempts to secure the town from enemy occupation included a series of further battles in and around the West Flanders Belgian municipality.

The strategy of both the Allied and German armies is not entirely clear. The accepted and mainstream reasoning for the Ypres battle was the British desire to secure the English Channel ports and the British Army's supply lines; Ypres was the last major obstacle to the German advance on Boulogne-sur-Mer and Calais. The French strategy was to prevent German forces from outflanking the Allied front from the north. This was the last major German option, after their defeats at the First Battle of the Aisne and First

Battle of the Marne. The Ypres campaign became the culmination of the Race to the Sea. The opposing armies engaged in offensive operations until a big German offensive in mid-October, which forced the Allies onto the strategic defensive and limited to counter-attacks.

The German attempt to seek a decisive victory had failed, despite their superior numbers in men and artillery. Their command cohesion, while better than that of the Allies, failed to gain them an advantage. The Germans had failed to co-ordinate their assaults, pushing formations forward without retaining reserves for breakthroughs. Their method of seeking a weak spot by trying many merely exhausted their infantry. German intelligence was also very poor. They consistently believed the small numbers of enemy infantry were outposts only and had radically overestimated the strength of Allied forces. After the battle Erich von Falkenhayn reasoned that it was doubtful Germany would have another opportunity to win the war. On 18 November 1914 he recommended a diplomatic solution but Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg, Paul von Hindenburg and Erich Ludendorff disagreed.

The battle was the greatest crisis for commanders and their staffs still struggling to come to terms with the power of modern weaponry and adapting as quickly as possible to the new conditions of trench warfare. The battle also marked out the superiority of the defensive over the offensive. Lightly armed Cavalry had proven quite able to hold off mass attacks by enemy formations backed by artillery. The Allied success had been defensive, not offensive. This problem would not be solved completely until the Hundred Days Offensive, in the late summer and autumn of 1918. The battle also had a profound effect on Douglas Haig. Haig became the C-in-C of the British Army in December 1915 and firmly believed the Germans had called off their offensive too early, given the condition of the Allied forces. It was a mistake he was determined not to repeat. He believed that victory would belong to the side that 'stuck it out'. During the Third Battle of Ypres, Haig made references to the events of 31 October 1914, when the Germans had failed to seize their best



opportunity, claiming, "we must not make the same error".

The battle highlighted problems in command and control for both sides, with each side missing opportunities to obtain a decisive victory. The Germans in particular overestimated the numbers and strength of the Allied defenses at Ypres and called off their last offensive too early. The battle was also significant as it witnessed the destruction of the highly experienced and trained British regular army. Having suffered enormous losses for its small size, "The Old Contemptibles" disappeared, to be replaced by fresh reserves which eventually turned into a mass conscripted army to match its allies and enemies. The result was a victory for the Allies, although losses were particularly heavy on both sides. The battle completed the entrenchments of the "race to the sea" and inaugurated the static western front. Mobile operations would not resume until 1918.

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.*

No One Does More For Veterans

As the nation's oldest major veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of



VETERANS DAY

service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

Over the last decade, approximately 80% of support received from VFW members and patriotic Americans was applied directly to veterans' service, community service, legislative advocacy and military service programs worldwide.

The VFW network has **helped more than 209,000 veterans recover \$5.9 billion** in the last 2 years.

The VFW has testified **in front of Congress 22 times** in the last 12 months.

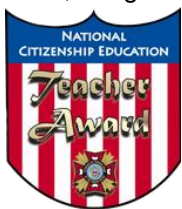
Since 2005, the VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) has **hosted 1,838,680 service and family members** at various events.

The VFW distributes more than **\$3 million annually in scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives** to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

There are **nearly 1.9 million VFW, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary members in 6,916 VFW Posts** worldwide. These members donated **7.9 million hours of volunteer work** and **\$45.8 million to local community service projects**.

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

+ SAFETY CORNER **+**
OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CYBER SECURITY MONTH



National Cyber Security
Awareness Month

<http://staysafeonline.org/ncsam/about>

The Internet is a shared resource and securing it is *Our Shared Responsibility*. No individual, business, or government entity is solely responsible for securing the Internet. Everyone has a role in securing their part of cyberspace, including the devices and networks they use. Individual actions have a collective impact and when we use the Internet safely, we make it more secure for everyone. If each of us does our part—implementing stronger security practices, raising community awareness, educating young people, training employees—together we will be a digital society safer and more resistant from attacks and more resilient if one occurs.

STOP. THINK. CONNECT.

Cybersecurity begins with a simple message everyone using the Internet can adopt: STOP. THINK. CONNECT. Take security and safety precautions, understand the consequences of your actions and behaviors online and enjoy the benefits of the Internet.

Keep a Clean Machine

- **Keep security software current:** Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats.
- **Automate software updates:** Many software programs will automatically connect and update to defend against known risks. Turn on automatic updates if that’s an available option.
- **Protect all devices that connect to the Internet:** Along with computers, your smartphones, gaming systems and other web-enabled devices also need protection from viruses and malware.
- **Plug & scan:** USBs and other external devices can be infected by viruses and malware. Use your security software to scan them.

Protect Your Personal Information

- **Secure your accounts:** Ask for protection beyond passwords. Many account providers now offer additional ways for you verify who you are before you conduct business on that site.

- **Make passwords long and strong:** Combine capital and lowercase letters with numbers and symbols to create a more secure password.
- **Unique account, unique password:** Having separate passwords for every account helps to thwart cybercriminals.
- **Write it down and keep it safe:** Everyone can forget a password. Keep a list that’s stored in a safe, secure place away from your computer.
- **Own your online presence:** Set the privacy and security settings on websites to your comfort level for information sharing. It’s ok to limit how and with whom you share information.

Connect with Care

- **When in doubt, throw it out:** Links in email, tweets, posts and online advertising are often the ways cybercriminals compromise your computer. If it looks suspicious, even if you know the source, it’s best to delete or, if appropriate, mark as junk email.
- **Get savvy about Wi-Fi hotspots:** Limit the type of business you conduct and adjust the security settings on your device to limit who can access your machine.
- **Protect your \$\$:** When banking and shopping, check to be sure the sites is security-enabled. Look for web addresses with “https://,” which means the site takes extra measures to help secure your information. “Http://” is not secure.

Be Web Wise

- **Stay current. Keep pace with new ways to stay safe online.** Check trusted websites for the latest information, share with friends, family and colleagues and encourage them to be web wise.
- **Think before you act:** Be wary of communications that implores you to act immediately, offers something that sounds too good to be true or asks for personal information.
- **Back it up:** Protect your valuable work, music, photos, and other digital information by making an electronic copy and storing it safely.

Be a Good Online Citizen

- **Safer for me, more secure for all:** What you do online has the potential to affect everyone – at home, at work and around the world. Practicing good online habits benefits the global digital community.
- **Post only about others as you have them post about you.**
- **Help the authorities fight cybercrime:** Report stolen finances, identities and cybercrime to <http://www.ic3.gov> (the Internet Crime Complaint Center) and <http://www.onguardonline.gov/file-complaint> (the FTC).

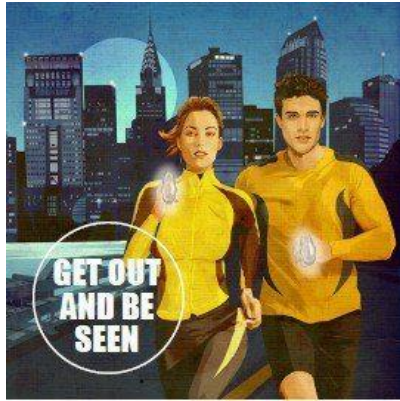
Visit www.stopthinkconnect.org for more information.

+ SAFETY CORNER **+**
NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL RUNNING SAFETY MONTH

November is National Running Safety Month, and we want to help make sure that a little darkness doesn't slow you down. Going for a run after the sun has gone down or before it comes up is sometimes the only time to squeeze in a few

miles for those with a busy schedule. Use these tips to be the safest runner you can be when running in the dark.

- **Let someone know where you are going** - Before you take off on your run, let someone know where you are going and what time you plan on returning. Tell your husband, send a text to your teenager or send a quick email to a friend letting them know what route you are planning to take and how long you should be out.
- **Light up the night** - Runners are hard to see at night and can be easily overlooked by a tired or distracted driver. Wearing reflective clothing and lights makes it much easier for drivers to spot you. Also, wearing a headlamp or carrying a flashlight can help you avoid potholes and other hazards in the road.
- **Carry identification** - Whenever running alone, day or night, it's important to carry identification. Whether it's a driver license or a runner's ID tag such as a Road ID, an ID can end up being the most important piece of gear you carry in an emergency.
- **Carry a cell phone** - It might feel a bit cumbersome to carry your phone on a run, but in the event you need it and there aren't other people around it could be a lifesaver.
- **Listen up** - Turn down the music, wear headphones in just one ear or, best yet, don't listen to music at all. It's important to hear what is going on around you, especially when it is dark and you can't see your surroundings as well.
- **Power in numbers** - Running with a friend or Fido is not only more fun, but also safer. If you don't have runner friends or a dog ask a friend to bike along you while you run.
- **Switch up your route** - Change your running route and time you run every so often. Getting acquainted with the same route over and over again can make you susceptible to letting your guard down and allows assailants to know when and where you are.
- **Look both ways before you cross the street** - Crosswalks, especially those regulated by stop signs are the worst for runners. Drivers will pull out in front of the stop sign looking for cars, but often look right beyond runners. Always make eye contact with the driver before you step off the curb.
- **Don't go with the flow** - Cyclists need to ride in the same direction of traffic, but runners should always be headed in the opposite direction of traffic. This way a car can't come up behind you without you knowing and you can always see any traffic hazards coming toward you.
- **Carry cash** - Stash a few dollars or a credit card into your pocket, shoe or fuel belt just in case anything unexpectedly comes up. Feeling like you hit the wall? With a couple bucks you can pick up a sports drink or cab fare.
- **Run "defensively"** - It is always best to stay safe than sorry especially when running in traffic. Assume every driver is talking on the phone while drinking steaming hot coffee and tuning the radio. Before running into an intersection



make eye contact with the drivers and avoid high-traffic areas if possible.

- **Run in populated areas** - If there are other runners around there is good chance the area is safe and appropriate for runners. Plus, if you end up falling and spraining your ankle there will be other runners around to help you up and let you borrow a phone to get a ride home.
- **Dress for the weather** - If it is raining and above 70 degrees you should be fine with a water repellent jacket; however, if it is raining and cold outside be sure to wear a jacket along with a hat, gloves and an extra layer to ward off hypothermia and frostbite.
- **Wear reflective clothing** - Visibility in the rain is limited just as much in the rain as it is at night so to ensure drivers can see you, wear clothing with several reflective elements visible from all angles.
- **Stay on running paths or the curb** - Jumping off the curb to run in the bicycle lane is appealing – the wide-open space to run where you wish! But stick to a running path or the curb when visibility is limited for an extra cushion from traffic. Plus, you might avoid getting the runoff splashed on you when a car drives by a little too close.
- **Run a familiar route** - Running in the rain is not a good time to go searching for a new running route and find yourself lost in the middle of a muddy construction zone. Instead, run a route you are familiar with so you know where to avoid potholes and other road hazards.

For more tips, go to www.laceuplocal.com/nrsm.html.

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

- **Budget Committee:** Chair – Carl Dozier. Looking for additional volunteers.
- **Awards Committee:** Angela Taylor, Gary Dunbar, Mark Rios, and Chris Mulholland
- **Membership Committee:** John Guill, Mark Rios, Gary Dunbar, and Chris Mulholland
- **Building Committee:** Carl Dozier and Gary Dunbar

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 \$35.50.

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.

OCTOBER MILITARY HISTORY

- 1 1880 John Philip Sousa becomes director of 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 early 1990s
- 2 1799 Washington Navy Yard established
- 1921 Unknown Soldier leaves France aboard USS 'Olympia' (C-6)
- 1942 Aleutians: US troops occupy Andreanof Islands
- 4 1821 First USN squadron sails for anti-slavery patrol off Africa
- 1862 Battle of Shiloh ends (from Oct 3)
- 5 1943 US aircraft & ships raid Japanese positions on Wake Is, leading to execution of American civilians held prisoner
- 6 1781 Americans & French begin siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown
- 7 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 Taliban refuses to surrender Osama bin Laden
- 8 1918 Sgt Alvin York captures "the whole damned German Army"
- 9 1942 Guadalcanal: Marines encircle Japanese 4th Inf Regt

- 10 1944 17 US carriers raid Ryukyus
- 11 1861 Battle of Dumfries/Quantico Creek, Va
- 1944 Japan announces it will "fight to the last man, woman, child, weapon, and piece of equipment."
- 12 2000 Islamist suicide boat attack on USS 'Cole' (DDG-67) at Aden, 17 die, c. 40 wounded
- 13 1775 Congress establishes Continental Navy
- 1812 Battle of Queenstown Height: British/Canadians defeat Americans
- 1864 John Mosby raids Harpers Ferry
- 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 British in 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 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 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 Barbary pirates
- 1952 First thermonuclear bomb detonated, Marshall Islands
- 1968 President Johnson orders halt to all bombing of North Vietnam

NOVEMBER MILITARY HISTORY

- 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 Continental Army mustered out of service, Rocky Hill, NJ
- 1979 Teheran: Iranians storm 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 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 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 Armistice ends modern Germany's first bid for world domination.
- 1921 Escorted by 30 holders of Medal of Honor, "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 Confederates haven't of Atlanta
- 1940 The first 75,000 US draftees report for duty
- 16 1982 Maiden voyage of 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 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 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), 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 last Thursday in November a day of prayer and thanksgiving
- 1901 Army War College established in Washington
- 1944 B-29s from 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 First Army-Navy game, West Point: Navy 24, Army 0
- 1929 Rear Adm Richard E. Byrd, US, makes first flight over South Pole.
- 30 1782 Preliminary Treaty of Paris: American and British sign preliminary articles to end Revolutionary War
- 1943 Teheran Conference: FDR, Churchill, & Stalin agree Operation Overlord will be launched in May of 1944

FROM THE EDITOR

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

505 Piping Rock Drive, Chesapeake, VA 23322
757-482-4981 or majmule@cox.net

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

The primary means for disseminating the newsletter will be via e-mail.

Semper fidelis,

- Chris Mulholland

**YOUR AD COULD
BE HERE!!!**

POST 2894 CALENDAR

OCTOBER	
8	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
11	Chesapeake Virginia Wine Festival, Chesapeake City Park
13	Columbus Day
13	Navy Birthday
23	31 st Anniversary of Beirut Bombing
31	Quarterly Audit due
31	Halloween

NOVEMBER	
1	Award nominations due – TOTY, VOD, PP
2	Daylight Savings ends
4	Election Day
10	239 th Marine Corps Birthday
11	Veteran's Day Ceremony, Chesapeake City Hall (11 am)
12	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)
15	Award nominations due to District
22	District Meeting, Post 3160
27	Thanksgiving Day



**YOUR AD
COULD BE
HERE!!!**

A DONATION OF
\$20
ENSURES THE VFW CAN

- ★ Educate **30** separating service members on how to receive their well-earned VA benefits
- ★ Provide **500** minutes of phone time to homesick American troops stationed in the Middle East
- ★ Serve **5** morale-boosting "welcome home" meals for service members recently back from combat
- ★ Help cover rent, utilities or groceries for a military family struggling with the hardships of war

As the nation's oldest major veterans' organization, the VFW has an impeccable and longstanding record of service and stewardship. More than 4 million patriotic Americans, both members and non-members, entrust the VFW with financial contributions and dedicate millions of volunteer hours.

80%

Over the last decade, **approximately 80% of support received from VFW members and patriotic Americans** was applied directly to veterans service, community service, legislative advocacy and military service programs worldwide.

1,458

Number of VFW-accredited representatives across the country helping veterans fight for the VA benefits they have earned.

1,838,680

Number of service members and their family members hosted at VFW Military Assistance Program (MAP) events since 2005.

\$5.9 billion

The amount in VA benefits the VFW network helped more than 209,000 veterans recover in the last two years.

\$3 million

Amount of scholarships, monetary awards and other incentives the VFW distributes annually to middle and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.



"Don't go through it alone. A VFW Service Officer can help. They know who to call ... who to write ... who to appeal to. Seek help and you shall find it."

Vietnam veteran Michael Prata on receiving word that he was deemed 100% service disabled and awarded full benefits. Prata suffered from prostate cancer connected to herbicide exposure in Vietnam. Lost military records once sealed his fate, but the VFW stepped in and found the proof he needed.

22

Number of times the VFW has testified before Congress in the last 12 months alone. The VFW has been instrumental in virtually every major legislative victory for veterans in the 20th and 21st centuries.

\$5 million

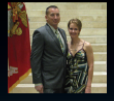
Value of financial support awarded to military families since 2004 to help cover basic needs in times of crisis. Nearly half of the funds covered basic housing needs.

7.5 million

Number of connections between deployed service members and loved ones made possible by the VFW's "Free Call Days."

\$376,136

Amount of scholarships awarded to 91 veterans and service members through the VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" for the Fall 2014 academic semester.



"Having one less worry has allowed me to focus on my husband—making sure he gets the care and support he needs."

Military spouse Michele Hyde, whose husband Jason struggles with PTSD. The Hydys received financial assistance from the VFW to help cover past-due bills.

Learn more about the VFW's programs and services at www.vfw.org.

Updated September 2014

MORE FACTS ABOUT THE VFW



Place Stamp Here

VFW SSG Dozier Post 2894
Chesapeake, VA 23322



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED