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- 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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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Comrades!

This newsletter highlights our Post' unofficial motto: "Veterans Helping Others – Other Vets, Other People."

From participating in the 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, to handing out a record number of Buddy Poppies, to opening a new Veterans Benefits Office in Chesapeake, our members – YOU! – are making a difference in people's lives every day. It's your actions and dedication that give Post 2894 the reputation and distinction of being a Post that truly serves others.



This dedication was recognized at the Department of Virginia's Annual Convention in Williamsburg when the Post received several awards in very different categories.

I want to also recognize two recently joined Comrades, members of this country's "Greatest Generation": William "Mickey" Casady, who joined the Navy in 1937 and is the oldest surviving plankholder of the USS Iowa (BB-61), and Eddie Vincek who was a Marine PFC when he landed on Iwo Jima on D-Day in 1945.

I hope that each of you is enjoying the summer, spending time with your families, and recharging your batteries for the upcoming year – cause we plan on it being another busy one!

And as always, thanks to all of you for your service to our country! Semper Fidelis,

Chris Mulholland, Commander

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello to Everyone. June 11-13 Bea Oakley and Sandy Dunbar attended the Ladies Auxiliary 90th Annual Convention held in Williamsburg. We met ladies from all over the state and took the opportunity of getting ideas and learning about the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. We went to the President's Luncheon on Friday and enjoyed the Poppy Hat Parade and the table decorations made out of poppies. The Ladies Auxiliary raised \$10,369.75 for the Honor Flight this year (this was the President's project for the year). The CEO gave a talk about Honor Flight and explained how this money could be used.



Upcoming dates to put on the calendar – Our first audit will be held on July 29th at 7:00 p.m. at Sandy Dunbar's. On August 8th District 2 is having a meeting in Virginia Beach, VFW Post 392. Lunch is at 12:00 and the meeting will follow. Our meeting August 12, 2015, Connie Duck, District 2 President Ladies Auxiliary VFW will be visiting and conducting the Annual Inspection. August 22, 2015 will be a School of Instruction in Franklin VFW Post 4411 starting at 10:00. Hope to see everyone at these meetings.

Sandy Dunbar, President

MEMORIAL DAY BUDDY POPPY DRIVE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

“You know you’ve had a good day when your face hurts from smiling so much!”

That was said by one of our young volunteers, Lyddia Stanley, daughter of Comrade Jay Stanley and a JROTC student from Lakeland High School in Suffolk.

We also had a great deal of help from the Grassfield HS JROTC unit with cadets Wyatt Dunlap, Max Speights, William Haladyna, Jay Honig, Andrew Voeltner, Daniel Ruane, and Niya Field.



Buddy Poppy drive, Memorial Day 2015

in swimming, motorized slalom and motor rally. He also competed in hand-cycle racing and power soccer (powered wheelchair soccer). Although Ron is an experienced power soccer player, the teams at the Games are formed via a lottery and his team did not make it through the group stages to the medal stage.

Chris is a retired Marine Officer who has been refereeing soccer since 1976 from the youth level up to Major League Soccer (MLS). He became involved in power soccer through his son who uses a powered wheelchair and is a pool member of the US National Team. Chris did not attend last year’s NVWG because he was in Brazil, refereeing the 2014 Copa Americas/I Copa Mundialito, the first international power soccer competition in South America.

The NVWG are an outgrowth of the Department of Veterans Affairs’ historic involvement in wheelchair sports. Wheelchair sports had their beginning in the aftermath of World War II, when young disabled Veterans began playing wheelchair basketball in VA hospitals throughout the US.

Interest in wheelchair basketball soon spread to other sports such as track and field, bowling, swimming, and archery, spawning the formation of several associations devoted to new and innovative wheelchair sports.

The first NVWG were held in 1981, the

“International Year of Disabled Persons,” at the VA Medical Center in Richmond, Va. Those first Games established an enduring trait that has characterized the event ever since — a strong sense of common identity and camaraderie among the participants. The hundreds of Veterans who choose to compete in the Games each year demonstrate their continuing popularity.

Ron swam the 50 yard breaststroke in 1 minute, 55 seconds which won him a Bronze Medal in the Master’s Division. He later said, “The water was cold! I was cramping up and it was really hard for all of us to finish the race.”

He also won a Gold Medal in the Motorized Slalom event which consists of an obstacle course for users of powered wheelchairs where they are required to move forward and backward and have to decipher their way through to the end.

Ron won his second Gold Medal in Motor Rally which consists of an untimed scavenger hunt and poker run. Each participant receives a map, instructions, a score sheet, and a volunteer escort. They proceed to 10 checkpoints and answer a question at each checkpoint – one point per correct answer. At five of the checkpoints, each contestant selected a playing card and the five cards ultimately add up to a poker hand, with a



Ron Mayfield with his “bling” at the 35th NVWG



Iwo Jima vet Eddie Vincek (center) with Post Cdr Chris Mulholland and Comrade Matt Schweers

members of our Ladies Auxiliary!

We also met Eddie Vincek who was a Private First Class with Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 28th Marines when he landed on Iwo Jima in 1945! We immediately signed him up and made him a member of our post!

Bravo Zulu to All!

POST REPRESENTED AT 35TH NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES!

Two comrades of Post 2894 recently returned from the 35th National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) held in Dallas, Texas during the week of June 20-27. This is the largest wheelchair athletic event in the world and this year’s edition featured 650 veterans from around the US as well as guest veterans from the United Kingdom and South Korea.

Ron Mayfield competed as an athlete with Team Virginia while Chris Mulholland served as an official, refereeing power soccer and several other events.

Ron, a retired Navy Senior Chief, was disabled several years ago when he was shot in a hunting accident. Ron has been attending the NVWG since 2007 and this year he medaled

value of up to 10 points. Ron won the event with the highest point score.

Meanwhile, Chris, who is the National Supervisor of Officials for the US Power Soccer Association, also helped officiate other events such as bowling, table tennis, and air rifle. This was his fourth NVWG and he said, "These games are



Ron Mayfield (left) and Chris Mulholland in Dallas at the 35th NVWG

really a heart-warming experience though there are heart-wrenching stories throughout them as well. Every year I renew old friendships and make new ones."

VFW Post 2894 sponsored some of Ron's expenses to Dallas. The Games are free to all of the athletes through they do have to pay for their own travel and lodging costs.

Next year's Games will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Ron plans on winning more gold there!

Doug Keller of Virginia Beach, and new State Auxiliary President, Georgette Dausey.

The Post received two trophies, one for our Community Services Book (this award included a \$200 check from the Department!) and one for our Service Officer, Gary Dunbar, in recognition of all the incredible hard work that he has put into helping the veterans and their families in our community. Gary's wife, Sandy, was on hand to accept his award.

By then end of this fraternal year, Post 2894 had gained achieved 110% in membership! All of it due to YOUR efforts in helping others! Because of this achievement, the Post received a streamer for our colors as well as an Honor Post banner.

The Ladies Auxiliary was also recognized with a banner from which they will hang their future awards.

The new Commander for the Department of Virginia is Comrade Doug Keller of Post 392 (Va Beach). The new District 2 Commander is Harold "Butch" Schupska of Post 3160 (Ocean View).

Additionally, the Post now has two "friends" in high places - Ken Wiseman (Post 2582) is Judge Advocate, and Eric Mallet (Post 4809) is State Inspector.

Well done to all!!!

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL!

Comrades Matt Hamel, Post Judge Advocate, and Chris Mulholland, Commander, spoke in front of City Council at their meeting on 14 July as they considered a proposal to designate Route 17 as a "Blue Star Memorial Highway."

By unanimous vote, the Council approved designating the expanded Route 17 from the 64/464 interchange down to the North Carolina border as a Blue Star Memorial Highway. The Council also approved the acquisition, installation and maintenance of two memorials, one at each end of the highway.

The Blue Star Memorial program was started in 1944 to honor World War 2 veterans but was expanded in 1951 to include all men and women who have served our country. Today, there are more than 70,000 miles of highway designated as "Blue Star Memorial" highways.

The National Garden Club is the parent organization for this program but they work in concert with local organizations and legislatures for these tributes to our veterans, young and old.

Here is the resolution approved by the City Council:
RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT A PORTION OF U.S. ROUTE 17 BE DESIGNATED AS A BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTION TO ACQUIRE, INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ONE OR MORE HIGHWAY MARKERS COMMEMORATING THIS DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Memorial Highway project was created by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. as a living tribute to the men and women of the Nation's Armed Forces; and,



DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA CONVENTION

The Post and Auxiliary won their own "bling" at the 2015 Department Convention which was held in Williamsburg, June 11-14.

Commander Mulholland and Chaplain Mark Junghans represented the Post while President Dunbar and Jr. Vice President Bea Oakley represented the Auxiliary.

They attended most of the activities of the convention including the elections of the new Department Commander,



2894 representatives at the 2015 Department Convention



Sandy Dunbar and Chris Mulholland with some of the Post and Auxiliary "bling"



Post Awards

WHEREAS, the Blue Star Highway system currently covers thousands of miles in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake has a rich military history and has served as the home of the Naval Auxiliary Landing Field-Fentress which has functioned as the Outlying Field for the Master Jet Base-Oceana since the 1940's, as well as the Naval Support Activity-Northwest Annex which provides an array of support services to twelve tenant commands including the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and NATO; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is home to approximately 27,000 veterans who have honorably served their country in the various branches of the military; and,

WHEREAS, Chesapeake's veterans greatly contribute to the quality of life in the City of Chesapeake through their investment in the City, community involvement, and volunteerism in a host of civic activities; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of U.S. Route 17 located in the City of Chesapeake will be sponsored as a Blue Star Memorial Highway by the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Tidewater District, National Garden Clubs, Inc. ("Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Tidewater District") in cooperation with the City of Chesapeake, the Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Staff Sergeant Dozier Memorial Post 2894; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, in cooperation and concert with the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Tidewater District, and the Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs, the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, does hereby approve the designation of a portion of U.S. Route 17 as a "Blue Star Memorial Highway" in honor of Chesapeake's veterans, said designation to commence at the Virginia/North Carolina border and extending northward to a location to be determined by the City Manager prior to substantial completion of the Dominion Boulevard Improvement Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in consultation with the Mayor's Commission of Veteran's Affairs, the City Manager is authorized to take necessary action to acquire, install, and maintain one or more the Blue Star Memorial Highway markers commemorating this designation, to include, without limitation, authority to seek necessary approvals from government agencies, and to enter into any and all agreements, memoranda of understanding and other arrangements with said government agencies and private parties, including the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Tidewater District, as may be deemed necessary or advisable.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, this 14th day of July, 2015.

WWI HISTORY, 100 YEARS AGO TODAY...

August 1, 1915 - Fokker Scourge begins over Western Front as German pilots achieve air supremacy using highly effective Fokker monoplane featuring a synchronized machine-gun that fires bullets through the spinning propeller. Although the technology was pioneered by French pilot Roland Garros, the Germans copied and improved the synchronized gun idea after capturing his plane. The Fokker Scourge will last nearly a year, until Allied aerial technology catches up.

August 5, 1915 - Warsaw, Poland is taken by Austro-Germans troops. This ends a century of Russian control of the city. The Austro-Germans move on to capture Ivangorod, Kovno, Brest-Litovsk, Bialystok, Grodno, and Vilna. By end of September, Russian troops are driven out of Poland and Galicia, back to original lines from which they had begun the war in 1914. For time being, the battered Russian Army has effectively been eliminated as an offensive threat on Eastern Front, freeing Germans to focus more effort on Western Front.

August 6, 1915 - Hoping to break the stalemate at Gallipoli, British renew offensive. An additional 20,000 troops are landed but attack is hampered by poor communications and logistical problems. The Turks, led by Mustafa Kemal, respond by rushing in two divisions and the British offensive fails.

September 5, 1915 - Russian Czar Nicholas II takes personal command of Russian Army, hoping to rally his faltering troops. Losses to Czar's army from Austro-German offensives in Galicia and Poland include over 1,400,000 casualties and 750,000 captured. Russia is also weakened economically by loss of Poland's industrial and agricultural output. Additionally, ongoing mass exodus of Russian troops and civilians from Poland, called the Great Retreat, spurs dangerous political and social unrest in Russia, undermining rule of Czar and his Imperial government.

September 6, 1915 - Bulgaria enters war on German's side with eye toward invading neighboring Serbia. Thus far in the war, Austria-Hungary has tried, but failed, three times to conquer Serbia in retaliation for assassination of Archduke Ferdinand. Now, the Austrians, aided by Germany and Bulgaria, plan to try again. With addition of Bulgaria, Germany now has three allies in the war including Austria-Hungary and Turkey. This alliance is called the Central Powers due to their geographic location, primarily in central Europe.

September 18, 1915 - Germany announces an end to first U-Boat campaign, begun in February, which targeted ships around British Isles. This comes in response to increasing protests from United States following American civilian deaths at sea. U-Boats are then sent to wreak havoc in Mediterranean Sea, away from American shipping lanes in Atlantic.

September 25, 1915 - On Western Front, British use poison gas for first time as they launch attack against German 6th Army in Artois. Chlorine gas is released from over 5,000 cylinders, creating poisonous cloud that drifts toward Germans, opening gap in their front line. The British advance and quickly seize their objective, town of Loos, but then fail to capitalize on four-mile-wide breach in German lines. Germans regroup and when British resume attack next day they are mowed down in hundreds by well-placed German machine-guns. In all, British suffer 50,000 casualties during Loos offensive. British Army Commander John French is then sacked, replaced by Douglas Haig.

September 25, 1915 - French 2nd Army in Champagne attacks weakest part of German lines, creating a six-mile-wide breach that is three miles deep. German 3rd Army then rushes in reinforcements, regroups its defense lines and plugs gap. Facing strong resistance, French break off attack.

September 26, 1915 - French launch third attempt to seize Vimy Ridge from Germans in Artois, and this time they secure the ridge.

September 26-28, 1915 - In Middle East, British win at Battle of Kut al-Amara in Mesopotamia as they defeat Turks. Resounding victory spurs an ambitious move by British to venture onward to quickly capture Baghdad. However, attempt fails and troops return to Kut-al-Amara and dig in.

[www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/firstworldwar/index-1915.html]

PHOTOS FROM MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, 2015



Cdr Chris Mulholland (left) and Chaplain Mark Junghans ready to present flower wreath



Marines from Firing Detail with Keynote Speaker LT Jason Redman, USN (ret)



It was a beautiful day on 25 May 2015 in front of City Hall

MEMORIAL DEDICATION FOR LANCE CORPORAL CODY CHILDERS, — SEPTEMBER 2015

Lance Corporal Cody Childers, a graduate of Grassfield High School, was killed on 20 August 2010 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan, as a member of 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines.

Friends and family say Cody didn't have to go to Afghanistan, he wanted to. To him, being a Marine wasn't a job, it was a dream.

Jack Mani, a friend of Cody's said, "He was hooked. He wanted to go serve for us."

Cody left behind his mom, dad, sister and brother as well as a fiancée he planned to marry the following year. They all knew how badly Cody wanted to serve, even after hitting an IED a month previously in Afghanistan.

Mani says, "He told his mom, 'Mom, I want to go back. My guys don't have me, they need me. I just want to get back in there with them.'"

After a few days of rest, Cody went back to work. Being a Marine at war was nothing Cody had to do; it's what he wanted to do.

Mani says, "He had heart and desire. He wanted to go and fight and make a difference. He felt like he did and that's what really counts."

A brother Marine, Erik Johnson, who served with Cody has been raising money to erect a life size battle cross memorial at Grassfield HS. He has already collected \$2,237.87 of the needed \$4,100 and is looking for additional contributions. He says, "Any help would greatly appreciated."

The dedication ceremony will be held at one of this fall's football games at GHS. The specific date and time will be sent out as soon as it is scheduled.



COLONEL GREG GADSON, INDIAN RIVER HIGH SCHOOL '84, RETIRED AFTER 25 YEARS SERVICE



On 24 June, a 1984 graduate of Indian River High School, handed over the reins as the commander of the Fort Belvoir and retired from the US after 25 plus years. Colonel Gregory D. Gadson was an outstanding football player at Indian River when he received a coveted appointment to West Point. He was raised by a teacher mother and pharmacist father and his early ambition was to play Division I football. At West Point, he was elected the team co-captain before his graduation in 1989.

While every military career is extraordinary, Colonel Gadson's was even

more so because he is the first double amputee, with both legs gone above the knee – as well as losing the use of his right arm, to have commanded an Army post. But with his exceptionalism also comes grace. From an article by Washington radio station WTOP:

“Without saying anything, I could just say there’s life after injury and that you can come out on the other side,” Gadson says. ‘Don’t be afraid to ask for help since you can’t do this alone.’ Gadson says he owes his resolve to faith, family and friends. ‘I refused to let my injuries define me because of their love, unconditional love by my family. They didn’t view me any differently; I was still Greg,’ he says. He says he experienced struggles, but ‘faith allowed me to accept what happened ... and [in] doing so, I healed and was able to move forward...When I was wounded, my whole family was wounded. It changed our lifestyle. It changed our lives. It affected my parents, it affected my friends. It affected so many people that were close to me in ways that I can’t even articulate. And so we have to remember those families because it does change lives. It’s an underappreciated aspect of the price and the sacrifice that our service members and family members make.’”

Before taking command at Fort Belvoir, he headed up the Army’s Wounded Warrior program for two years. He wanted to be a quiet example to those who were going through the same experience he already endured.

In discussing his injuries and recovery, Colonel Gadson said that in the moments after the explosion, he thought he probably wouldn’t survive the blood loss; he was saved by the use of tourniquets. Doctors removed the remains of his left leg about a week later, and then his right leg about a week after that. His right arm and hand were also badly injured. He has limited use of them today. He walks with the help of prosthetics but sometimes uses a wheelchair. Since the explosion, he’s endured 23 surgeries, he said.

In 2007, not long after his injury from an IED in Iraq, Colonel Gadson was asked to speak to the New York Giants after their 0-2 start. Mike Sullivan, an assistant coach with the Giants, was a classmate with Greg when he was a linebacker for the West Point football team and visited him in Walter Reed Hospital.

The Giants rallied to win the game after his motivational talk and wide receiver Plaxico Burress, a Green Run High graduate from Virginia Beach, scored a touchdown and handed Gadson the ball. "He moved everybody in that room with his story," Burress said after the game. "I just wanted to go out and give what I had."

The Giants went on to win the Superbowl that season and again in 2011. The team then gave Greg rings from Superbowls XLII and XLVI. "I’m honestly humbled to have two Super Bowl rings," he says.

Now he’s known as "the man who awoke the sleeping Giants." Gadson’s story was featured on ESPN, Fox Sports and NBC’s "Today," and by The Washington Post and the New York Daily News. The Giants invited him to meet President

Bush at the White House in 2008. "I’m proud to be on the stage with this man," said Bush, according to NBCnews.com. "He has got the Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars, and now he’s got a Super Bowl ring minted for a true giant."



Gadson talking with NYG Coach Tom Coughlin (right) and the rest of the Giants (Jerry Pinkus / Associated Press file photo)

It wasn’t long before Hollywood came calling. Peter Berg, the director of "Battleship", called Gadson and asked him to be a supporting actor in the sci-fi movie which starred Rihanna in her film debut. Gadson, who had moved to Fort Belvoir as part of his rehabilitation at Walter Reed, accepted the role of Lieutenant Colonel Mick Canales. He later appeared as a guest on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

In another article, this one by Peggy Fox of TV station WUSA, Gadson said, "I really don’t want to define myself as a wounded warrior, you know. I’m a warrior, and I happened to get wounded like many others. Visible and invisible. Really, what I hope to share, regardless of whatever your status, is life goes on and you can overcome. And so we have an obligation to do the best we can every day."

Don Carr, the Director of Public Affairs at Fort Belvoir said, "You don’t see that wheelchair. You see a leader. An Army leader."

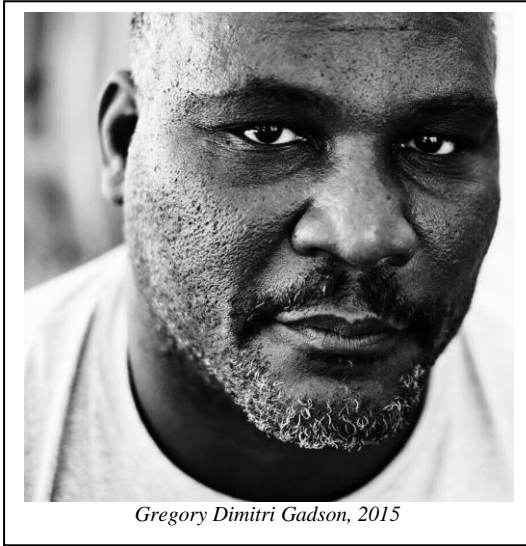


An artillery officer, Colonel Gadson has served in every major conflict of the past two decades, including Operations Desert Shield/Storm in Kuwait; Operation Joint Forge in Bosnia-Herzegovina; Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His awards include the Legion of Merit; 3 Bronze Stars; a Purple Heart; the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

Fort Belvoir is a strategic sustaining base and Colonel Gadson was responsible for more than 50,000 military personnel and employees provide logistical, intelligence, medical and administrative support, and command and control for a mix of more than 140 commands and agencies for the Department of Defense. His Sergeant Major, James McGruder said of him, "He’s such a great leader. Such a great commander. And he cares about soldiers, families and civilians. And I tell you, his whole heart, for the last two years,

have been thinking about Fort Belvoir. And how he can make the installation better."

In 2012, Wayne State University in Detroit announced a \$1 million gift Thursday to create a new scholarship; the Colonel Gregory Gadson Scholarship for Wounded Warriors. A company named Urban Science donated the money for the scholarship, which pays \$50,000 a year for a student to study engineering. The scholarship is available to wounded veterans and veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.



Gregory Dimitri Gadson, 2015

"We've all heard stories about how difficult it can be for our returning veterans to find their places in the civilian work force," Jim Anderson, Urban Science president and CEO said in a statement. "Our goal with this scholarship is to provide wounded warriors with the opportunity to earn a degree that will give them the tools to invent a new and rewarding future."

Colonel Gadson reminds people that not all combat injuries are visible, and that all types of disabilities should be treated with compassion. "You don't know what people are carrying," he said. "It's as simple as extending basic human dignity to everyone, regardless of their challenges."

Gadson's passion is photography and he was been an avid photographer for many years. His work was most recently featured prominently in *Coming Home: Journey, Community, Dialog*, a public art project based in New York City that seeks to encourage communication between civilians and those who have served in the US military.

Colonel Gadson is a graduate of Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and holds masters degrees in Information Systems from Webster University; and in Policy Management from Georgetown University. He holds an honorary Doctorate of Laws from Webster University.

On 28 May of this year, Gadson's father, Willie James Gadson, passed away. Mr. Gadson worked as a dedicated hospital pharmacist for 37 years, serving Norfolk Community Hospital, Depaul Hospital, retiring from Maryview Hospital in 2012.

Colonel Gadson stays involved by helping soldiers whenever he can. He is married to the former Kimberly Thomas of Lee's Summit, Missouri, who is a Fairfax County school teacher. They have two adult children, Gabriella and Jaelen, who is following in his father's footsteps by attending West Point.

Colonel Gadson says, "We all have value. We all have something to give."

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CHESAPEAKE RATED ONE OF TOP "VETERAN FRIENDLY" CITIES IN US!

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According to a study released by NerdWallet, a personal finance and information service, two Hampton Roads cities were listed among the best in the nation for veterans in 2015.

The City of Chesapeake was listed as No. 7, and the City of Suffolk was listed as No. 15.

The study, which was released on June 29, focused on the two key areas of economic opportunity and community.

Economic opportunity represented 70 percent of a city's overall score and included the following factors: industries that employ more veterans than civilians according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2013 unemployment rate for veterans from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, the percentage of veterans living below the poverty line and the median income for veterans, both from the 2013 American Community Study.

Community, which represented 30 percent of the city's score, was assessed through the percentage of residents in a city who are residents, according to the 2013 American Community Survey.

The study cited the Naval Support Activity Northwest Annex and the new Veterans Benefits Field Office at Tidewater Community College as reasons why Chesapeake is considered a good city for veterans.

About 15 percent of Chesapeake residents are veterans. In 2013, the veteran unemployment rate in Chesapeake was 2.9 percent, and the median income was \$50,956. Three percent of veterans in Chesapeake lived below the poverty line in 2013.

Veterans represent 17 percent of the population in Suffolk, which had a veteran unemployment rate of 6.8 percent in 2013, a rate that

more than doubles Chesapeake's. The median income for veterans in Suffolk was listed as \$51,488 in 2013, slightly higher than the median in Chesapeake.

In Suffolk, 4.5 percent of veterans lived below the poverty line in 2013.

Virginia Beach also made NerdWallet's list, ringing in as the 33rd best city in the nation for veterans.

In 2013, veterans represent 19.4 percent of Virginia Beach's population, which had a veteran unemployment rate of 5.7 percent. The median income was \$50,997 and 4.3 percent of veterans lived below the poverty line.

No other Virginia cities were named to the list.

<http://insidebiz.com/news/two-hampton-roads-cities-named-best-veterans>

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S FOXHOLE

An Old Soldier's Prayer

I have fought when others feared to serve.
I have gone where others failed to go.
I've lost friends in war and strife,
Who valued Duty more than love of life.

I have shared the comradeship of pain.
I have searched the lands for men that we have lost.
I have sons who served this land of liberty,
Who would fight to see that other stricken lands are free.

I have seen the weak forsake humanity.
I have heard the traitors praise our enemy.
I've seen challenged men become even bolder,
I've seen the Duty, Honor, Sacrifice of the Soldier.

Now I understand the meaning of our lives,
The loss of comrades not so very long ago.
So to you who have answered duties siren call,
May God bless you my son, may God bless you all.

- Lewis Millett



VETERANS' BENEFITS OFFICE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Six Comrades of Post 2894 (Carl Dozier, Angela Taylor, Matt Hamel, John Guill, Chris Mulholland, and Ted Roberts) are members of the Mayor's Commission for Veterans' Affairs and their lobbying efforts with the City Council and State Legislature finally paid off with the opening of the new Veterans' Benefits Office at TCC on 10 June. Local news channels 13 and 10 carried the following stories:

13News Now 11:41 a.m. EDT June 10, 2015

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (WVEC) -- After years of frustration, finally, there is hope for military veterans.

The number vets waiting for more than 125 days for rulings on disability ratings benefits claims stands at more than 142,000 across the country.

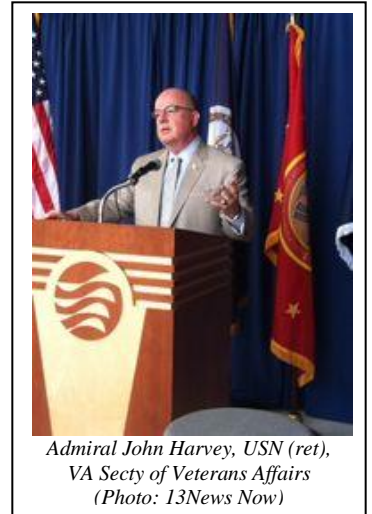
"Well it bothers me tremendously," said Army veteran Mark Junghans, "I myself after applying, it took me almost a year."

But now, long-suffering military veterans who've endured long waits to get their V.A. benefits claims resolved will have a place to get help. It's the Tidewater Community College, Virginia Department of Veterans Services and the City of Chesapeake new veterans benefits office on TCC's Chesapeake Campus at 1428 Cedar Road.

"One of the things that has been very apparent to us is the ongoing crisis in the veterans administration at large," said Virginia Secretary of Veterans Affairs John Harvey, a retired Navy four-star admiral.

"And that's why Virginia's Department of Veterans Services is so important.. Because we have the people who are expert at maneuvering through that every difficult, very bureaucratic system."

Virginia Veterans Services Commissioner Mark Newby agreed that there's a problem that needs to be fixed. "Well it bugs me and it bugs the governor, which is exactly why we opened this office," he said.



Admiral John Harvey, USN (ret),
VA Secty of Veterans Affairs
(Photo: 13News Now)

It's a perfect fit. Chesapeake is home to more than 27,000 veterans. TCC has 13,000 military vets among its student body.

"It's an honor to fill a gap and a void that has existed in the area," said TCC President Edna Bachre-Kolvani.

The new benefits office will house two staff members this year, with an additional staffer joining the office next year.

From Channel 13 News:



Cdr Mulholland and Chaplain Junghans talking with Mayor Alan Krasnoff after the ceremony

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Office to help veterans navigate their benefits opens in Chesapeake

Posted 7:36 pm, June 10, 2015, by Todd Corillo

Chesapeake, Va. – Veterans living in Chesapeake have a new option to help them navigate all the benefits they earned with their service.

A Virginia Department of Veterans Services benefits field office is now open on the Chesapeake campus of Tidewater Community College.



This photo was on the Channel 10 website!

“It’s been talked about for almost two years, so it’s really wonderful to see it come to fruition,” TCC President Dr. Edna Baehre-Kolovani told NewsChannel 3’s Todd Corillo Wednesday.

There are more than 27,000 veterans who currently live in Chesapeake, making it the perfect location for the 24th field office.



“Virginia has the fastest growing veterans’ population in the United States. Chesapeake is at the epicenter of that growth,” Virginia’s Secretary of

Veterans and Defense Affairs John C. Harvey, Jr. said.

The office will help veterans more easily access an array of benefits they earned during service to the United States.

“As many of the veterans find, navigating the VA is difficult to say the least, we provide the service of helping them navigate those waters,” Commissioner of the Virginia Department for Veteran Services John Newby told Corillo.

“The most important thing they are going to be able to do is sit down with an expert who will help them navigate a very difficult, bureaucratic and very lengthy process,” Harvey added.

TCC is providing the office space for the new office free of charge.

It will house two staff members to assist veterans, while adding an additional staffer in 2016.

MAYOR’S BREAKFAST WITH VETERANS

Every year, Mayor Alan Krasnoff salutes the veterans of Chesapeake with a breakfast. In addition to a buffet breakfast, there will be a color guard, military chaplain, comments from the Mayor, and special guest speaker. This year’s edition will be held on 26 September (Saturday) at 8 am at the Chesapeake Convention Center in Greenbrier. Seating is limited so get your ticket(s) now at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2015-chesapeake-mayors-veterans-breakfast-tickets-17537662621>

Come join the fun!

+ AUGUST SAFETY CORNER + Upcoming Safety and Emergency Preparedness Events

Virginia Tax Free Holiday, 7 – 9 Aug 2015. Begins Friday 7 August at 12:01 a.m. and ending the following Sunday at 11:59 p.m.

Fire Prevention Week, 4 – 10 Oct 2015

<http://www.nfpa.org/safety-information/fire-prevention-week>

The Great Southeast Shakeout, 15 Oct 2015

<http://shakeout.org/southeast/>

+ SEPTEMBER SAFETY CORNER + Hurricane season continues through November 30 – Be VFW Ready!

Two keys to weather safety are to **prepare** for the risks and to **act** on those preparations when alerted by emergency officials. These are essential pieces to being VFW Ready.

Some highlights on how to prepare and take action are available below:

Hurricane Basics:

Know if you live in an evacuation area. Assess your risks and know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind. Understand National Weather Service forecast products and especially the meaning of NWS watches and warnings.

Classification: Hurricanes are classified into five categories, based on wind speed and potential to cause damage:

- Category One – Winds 74-95 mph
- Category Two – Winds 96-110 mph
- Category Three – Winds 111-129 mph
- Category Four – Winds 130-156 mph
- Category Five – Winds greater than 157 mph

Evacuation order: This is the most important instruction people affected by hurricanes will receive. If issued, leave immediately.

Watches and Warnings

Know the terms that are used to identify a hurricane.

The following NWS watch/warning definitions are in effect until 30 Nov:

Hurricane/Typhoon Warning: An announcement that sustained winds of 64 knots (74 mph or 119 km/hr) or higher are expected somewhere within the specified area in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the warning is issued 36 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical-storm-force winds (24 hours for the Western North Pacific). The warning can remain in effect when dangerously high water or a combination of dangerously high water and waves continue, even though winds may be less than hurricane force.

Hurricane Watch: An announcement that sustained winds of 64 knots (74 mph or 119 km/hr) or higher are possible within the specified area in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone. Because hurricane preparedness activities become difficult once winds reach tropical storm force, the hurricane watch is issued 48 hours in advance of the anticipated onset of tropical storm force winds.

Tropical Storm Warning: An announcement that sustained winds of 34 to 63 knots (39 to 73 mph or 63 to 118 km/hr) are expected somewhere within the specified area within 36 hours (24 hours for the Western North Pacific) in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone.

Tropical Storm Watch: An announcement that sustained winds of 34 to 63 knots (39 to 73 mph or 63 to 118 km/hr) are possible within the specified area within 48 hours in association with a tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclone.

Contacts

Keep a list of contact information for reference.

- Local Emergency Management Office
- County Law Enforcement
- County Public Safety Fire/Rescue
- State, County and City/Town Government
- Local Hospitals
- Local Utilities
- Local American Red Cross
- Local TV Stations
- Local Radio Stations
- Your Property Insurance Agent

Risk Analysis

Online hazard and vulnerability assessment tools are available to gather information about your risks.

- Check your hazards risks with FEMA's Map Portal.
- Rate your flood risk with the FloodSmart.gov portal.

Plan & Take Action

Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children or parents are safe? You may have to evacuate or be confined to your home. What will you do if water, gas, electricity or phone services are shut off?

Supplies Kit

Put together a [basic disaster supplies kit](#) and consider [storage locations for different situations](#). Help community members do the same.

Emergency Plans

Develop and document plans for your specific risks.

- Protect yourself and family with a Family Emergency Plan - http://www.ready.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Family_Emergency_Plan.pdf
- Be sure to plan for locations away from home
- Business owners and site locations should create Workplace Plans
- Make sure schools and daycares have School Emergency Plans
- Pet owners should have plans to care for their animals. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention offer information on animal health impacts in evacuation shelters.
- Prepare your boat and be aware of marine safety if you are on or near the water.



Health & Environment

Follow guidelines to guard your community's health and protect the environment during and after the storm.

- Review the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) health considerations before, during, and after a storm.
- Remember to follow the U.S. Food & Drug Administration's (FDA) food and water safety guidelines during disasters.
- Review the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) suggestions for health and environmental safety in disaster preparedness.

Evacuation

Review the FEMA Evacuation Guidelines to allow for enough time to pack and inform friends and family if you need to leave your home. FOLLOW instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered!



Consider your protection options to decide whether to stay or evacuate your home if you are not ordered to evacuate. When waiting out a storm be careful, the danger may not be over yet...

Be alert for:

- Tornadoes – they are often spawned by hurricanes.
- The calm "eye" of the storm – it may seem like the storm is over, but after the eye passes, the winds will change direction and quickly return to hurricane force.

Recover

- Wait until an area is declared safe before returning home.
- Remember that recovering from a disaster is usually a gradual process.

Resources

- FEMA - Are You Ready? Guide
- NOAA All Hazards Radio <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/>
- Virginia Hurricane Action Guide <http://www.vaemergency.gov/sites/default/files/Final2014hurricaneguide.pdf>

City of Chesapeake Emergency Management

<http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/Page2879.aspx>

POST COMMITTEES – 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:

- **Awards Committee:** Jose Vazquez, Matt Schweers, Mark Junghans, Gary Dunbar, Mark Rios, and Chris Mulholland
- **Budget Committee:** Jose Vazquez, Mark Rios, Craig Devonshire, Chris Mulholland. Looking for additional volunteers.
- **Membership Committee:** John Guill, Mark Rios, Gary Dunbar, and Chris Mulholland
- **Building Committee:** Carl Dozier and Gary Dunbar
- **Visiting Committee:** Chaplain Mark Junghans
- **Health Committee:** Surgeon Jose Vazquez

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

QUARTERMASTER DESK



Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$30 – IF you go through the OM. Otherwise it's \$40.50 through the National website!

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 |
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| 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.

AUGUST MILITARY HISTORY

- 1 US Air Force Day

 - 1781 Cornwallis' British army occupies Yorktown, Virginia
 - 1794 Whiskey Rebellion begins
 - 1944 George S. Patton's Third Army begins 281 days of operations
 - 1944 Marines crush Japanese resistance on Tinian
 - 1946 Office of Naval Research is established
 - 1946 Battle of Athens, Ga.: WW II veterans take up arms to prevent corrupt political machine from rigging local election
- 2 1776 Royal Navy lands 32,000 British & Hessians on Staten Island

 - 1819 First parachute jump in US, from a balloon
 - 1887 Rowell Hodge receives patent for barbed wire
 - 1950 1st Marine Provisional Brigade lands at Pusan, Korea
 - 1964 Gulf of Tonkin: North Vietnamese patrol boats attack USS Maddox
 - 1990 Iraq invades & occupies Kuwait - onset of Desert Shield/Desert Storm
- 3 1492 Columbus sails from Palos on most momentous voyage in history

 - 1804 USN squadron bombards Tripoli
 - 1861 First manned balloon ascent from ship, USS 'Fanny', Hampton Roads
 - 1861 US Navy authorizes three ironclads: 'Monitor', 'Galena', & 'New Ironsides'
 - 1958 "Nautilus 90 North", US submarine 'Nautilus' (SS 571) passes under North Pole
 - 1990 US announces commitment of naval forces to Persian Gulf
- 4 1790 Revenue Cutter Service formed, origins of US Coast Guard

 - 1914 German forces march into Belgium starting WWI
 - 2005 USS 'New York' (LPD-21) receives her bow section, with 24 tons of steel from World Trade Center, during construction in Louisiana
- 5 1305 Scots hero William Wallace is betrayed to English

 - 1620 'Mayflower' & Speedwell' sail from Plymouth for Virginia
 - 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay: Farragut "damns" the torpedoes
 - 1884 Work begins at Ft. Wood, in New York harbor, for erection of Statue of Liberty
 - 1898 US and Spanish troops skirmish outside Manila
 - 1898 US landing party goes ashore at Cape San Juan, Puerto Rico
 - 1921 Yangtze River Patrol Force established within US Asiatic Fleet
 - 1964 US begins bombing North Vietnam
- 6 1780 Battle of Hanging Rock: Tarleton's dragoons annihilate an American column - Andrew Jackson (13) becomes a POW

 - 1945 A-Bomb destroys Hiroshima, over 75,000 die
 - 2002 Marquis de La Fayette, already an honorary citizen of several states, is made an honorary US citizen
- 7 -480 BC - Thermopylae [Alt]

 - 1782 George Washington creates Badge of Military Merit - the Purple Heart
 - 1789 US War Department established
 - 1942 Guadalcanal: 1st Marine Div lands against light resistance
 - 1990 Operation Desert Shield: First American troops reach Saudi Arabia
 - 1964 Vietnam War starts

- 8** 1814 Anglo-American Peace negotiations begin in Ghent, Belgium
1942 Guadalcanal: Marines capture unfinished airstrip
1945 Harry S Truman signs UN Charter
1988 Russians begin pulling out of Afghanistan after 9 year war
1990 Iraq annexes Kuwait
- 9** 1945 Second Atomic Bomb is dropped on Nagasaki, c. 30,000 die
1985 Former naval officer Arthur J. Walker convicted of spying for USSR
- 10** 1918 Alvin York captures "the whole damned German Army"
1921 Congress forms US Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics
1949 Congress creates Department of Defense
- 11** 1909 First use of "SOS"; SS 'Arapahoe', off Cape Hatteras
2003 NATO assumes command of 5,000 peacekeepers in Afghanistan
- 12** 1645 Massachusetts Council orders 1/3 of men in each militia company to "be ready on half an hour's warning for any service" - the first "Minute Men"
1805 Lewis & Clark cross Continental Divide
1942 Guadalcanal: First US airplane reaches Henderson Field
1959 First firing of Polaris missile from ship, 'Observation Island'
1972 Last American ground troops leave Vietnam
- 13** 1846 CDR Robert Stockton leads Army-Navy-Marine party to seize Los Angeles
1898 Spanish-American War: Armistice declared (noon, EST)
1945 Okinawa: USS 'LaGrange' (APA-124) last US ship hit by kamikaze in WW II
1953 Gen of the Army Omar Bradley becomes Chairman of JCS
1961 Communists begin construction of Berlin Wall
- 14** National Navajo Code Talkers Day
1912 US Marines occupy Nicaragua
1942 First American air victory in Atlantic: Lt Ezra Shahan in P-38 shoots down Luftwaffe Condor patrol bomber off Iceland
1943 Quadrant Conference - Quebec: FDR & Churchill agree to "Operation Overlord"
1945 V-J Day; Japan surrenders
- 15** 1845 US Naval Academy established at Ft Severn, Annapolis
1943 Kiska: US and Canadian troops land with heavy naval and air support
1944 Operation Anvil-Dragoon: Allied troops land in Provence
1945 Hirohito's surrender message is broadcast to Japanese people
1945 US ends wartime rationing of gasoline & fuel oil
- 16** National Airborne Day, US
-480 BC - King Leonidas reaches Thermopylae with 300 Spartans and 700 Allies
1777 Battle of Bennington, Vt: Americans defeat British
1780 Battle of Camden: British decisively defeat Americans
1918 US troops capture Archangelsk
1934 US ends occupation of Haiti, begun in 1915
1943 4th Marine Div is activated at Camp Pendleton
- 17** 1807 Robert Fulton's steamboat begins first voyage from Albany to New York
1843 Herman Melville enlists in USS 'United States'
1846 CDR Robert F Stockton declares California annexed to US
1943 US troops under Gen Patton capture Messina
- 18** 1911 Esther Voorhees Hasson appointed first Sup't of Navy Nurse Corps
1961 Construction of Berlin Wall completed
- 19** National Aviation Day, US
1818 Capt James Biddle, USN, claims Oregon Territory for US
1960 U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers convicted of spying by USSR
1981 USS 'Nimitz' (CVN-68) a/c down Libyan a/c - "Line of Death"
- 20** 1781 Washington marches from NY to fight Cornwallis at Yorktown
1982 US Marines land in Beirut
- 21** 1800 First public concert by USMC Band, Washington, DC
- 22** 1864 Geneva Convention: 12 nations establish International Red Cross
- 23** National Airborne Day
1775 George III declares American colonies in state of rebellion
1942 US 40th Infantry Div departs San Francisco for Hawaii
1944 6th Marine Div begins forming on Guadalcanal
1944 Franco-American troops liberate Marseilles
- 24** 1814 British burn Washington, after Sir George Cockburn eats Pres. Madison's dinner in White House
1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established
- 25** 1921 US signs peace treaty with Germany
1943 US forces land on New Georgia in Solomon Islands
1944 Paris liberated from Nazi occupation
- 26** 1775 First Congressional action on veterans' benefits
1839 US Revenue Cutter 'Washington' seizes Spanish ship 'Amistad', manned by self-liberated slaves, off Montauk Point
1943 US bombers in China attack Japanese installations in Hong Kong.
- 27** 1945 Third Fleet enters Sagami Bay, south of Tokyo Bay, as US troops begin occupation of Japan
- 29** 1944 15,000 American troops march down Champs Elysee
1958 Air Force Academy moves to new facilities at Colorado Springs
- 30** 1780 Benedict Arnold promises to betray West Point to British
1781 Battle of Chesapeake: French fleet defeats Royal Navy, sealing fate of Yorktown
1945 Gen MacArthur arrives in Japan
- 31** 1944 Allied offensive against Gothic Line in Italy
1949 The 83rd - and last - GAR encampment, attended by 6 of 14 remaining members
1994 Last Russian troops in Germany are withdrawn

SEPTEMBER MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patron of Aviators
1861 Grant assumes command of Federal forces at Cape Girardeau, Mo
1862 Congress abolishes daily issue of grog in US Navy
1863 Atlanta Campaign: Sherman wins Battle of Jonesborough, causing Confederates to evacuate & burn Atlanta
1863 Union fleet bombards Fort Sumter
1866 Manuelito surrenders at Fort Wingate, last resisting Navaho chief
1918 US troops land in Vladivostok, Siberia, stay until 1920
1939 George C. Marshall becomes Chief-of-Staff of Army, serves until Nov 18, 1945
1950 13 North Korean divisions assault UN lines
- 2** 1777 Battle of Cooch's Bridge, NJ: First use of "Stars and Stripes" in combat
1864 Union General William T Sherman captures Atlanta
1901 VP Theodore Roosevelt cites African proverb, "Speak softly and carry a big stick"

- 1944 Lt jg George H.W. Bush bails out near Chichi Jima, and is rescued by 'Finback' (SS-230)
- 1945 Ho Chi Minh declares Vietnam independent of France
- 3** 1782 US gives its only ship-of-the-line, 'America', to France.
- 1885 First Naval War College class convenes
- 1944 US Navy shells Japanese on Wake Island.
- 1945 Japanese forces in Philippines surrender to US
- 4** 1886 Geronimo surrenders to Gen Nelson A Miles at Skeleton Canyon, Ariz
- 1945 US reoccupies Wake Island
- 1950 First appearance of comic strip "Beetle Bailey"
- 5** 1774 First Continental Congress assembles in Philadelphia
- 1775 Continental Navy issues uniform regulations for officers
- 1943 US airborne troops land at Nadzab, New Guinea
- 6** 1918 US Navy 14-inch railroad guns open fire on Western Front
- 7** 1776 David Bushnell's sub 'American Turtle' tries to sink HMS 'Eagle' in New York harbor
- 1862 Battle of Cumberland Gap, TN
- 8** 1919 Ticker tape parade on Broadway for General John J. Pershing & 25,000 Doughboys
- 1945 US troops land in Korea to assume occupation duties
- 9** 1776 "United Colonies" adopt name "United States of America"
- 1943 Operation Avalanche: Anglo-American forces land at Salerno, Italy
- 1944 Allied troops liberate Luxembourg from Germans
- 10** 1776 Nathan Hale volunteers for secret service against British
- 1813 Battle of Lake Erie: Commo Oliver Hazard Perry meets enemy and they are his
- 1944 Sir Frederick Browning says "I think we might be going a bridge too far"
- 11** Patriot Day 9/11
- 1773 Benjamin Franklin writes "There never was a good war or a bad peace"
- 1777 Battle of Brandywine: Americans lose to British
- 1812 USS 'Constitution' captures and destroys brig 'Lady Warren'
- 1814 Battle of Plattsburgh/Lake Champlain: Americans defeat British by land & lake -- decisive battle of War of 1812
- 1918 Col. George S. Patton leads first US tank attack, St. Mihiel, France
- 1943 Allied forces secure Salerno
- 1944 US 5th Armored Division enters Nazi Germany
- 2001 Islamist terrorists crash 3 hijacked jetliners into World Trade Center and Pentagon, but heroic passengers die retaking 4th aircraft
- 12** 1609 Henry Hudson lands on hilly island "as pleasant with grasse and flowers, and goodly trees, as ever they had seene, and very sweet smells came from them" -- Manhattan
- 1814 Battle of North Point: Regulars & Militiamen prevent British from capturing Baltimore
- 1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry VA
- 13** 1814 British commence overnight bombardment of Fort McHenry, inspiring "The Star Spangled Banner"
- 1847 US soldiers & Marines storm Chapultepec Castle, Mexico City
- 14** 1814 Francis Scott Key writes "Star Spangled Banner"
- 1847 American troops under Winfield Scott capture Mexico City
- 1914 VFW Ladies Auxiliary organized
- 1942 Guadalcanal, Bloody Ridge: Japanese retire
- 1966 Vietnam: Operation Attleboro begins against VC sanctuaries on Cambodian Border
- 15** 1862 Antietam Campaign: Stonewall Jackson captures Harpers Ferry
- 1862 Antietam Campaign: US troops find Lee's GO No. 191, wrapping some cigars
- 1918 Cpl Lee Duncan, US 135th Aero Sqn, finds German shepherd pups in bombed out German military kennel near Toul, France, one becomes Rin Tin Tin
- 1942 US carrier 'Wasp' (CV-7) torpedoed and sunk off Guadalcanal
- 1944 Marines land on Peleliu, 450 miles east of Mindanao in Philippines
- 1950 Inchon Landing: Marines lead attack behind North Korean lines
- 16** 1776 Battle of Harlem Heights: Washington ambushes Brits on Upper West Side of Manhattan
- 1919 American Legion incorporated by act of Congress
- 1942 3rd Marine Div activated at San Diego
- 1943 US Fifth and British Eighth Armies unite in Italy
- 1950 Eighth Army breaks out of Pusan Perimeter, in support of Inchon Landing
- 17** Constitution and Citizenship Day
- 1776 Spanish begin building Presidio of San Francisco
- 1787 Constitutional Convention completes its work
- 1862 Battle of Antietam: Bloodiest day of Civil War, over 3,000 die
- 1943 Ammunition explosion at Norfolk Naval Air Station
- 1944 Operation Market Garden begins: Allied Airborne invasion of Netherlands
- 18** Feast of St Joseph of Cupertino, Patron of Aviators and Astronauts
- POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 1755 French complete Ft Carillon (Ticonderoga), NY
- 1947 US Air Force Birthday
- 19** 1676 Rebels under Nathaniel Bacon burn Jamestown, VA
- 1777 Battle of Freeman's Farm (1st Battle of Saratoga)
- 1943 U.S carrier aircraft and B-24s raid Tarawa
- 1957 First underground nuclear explosion, Nevada
- 20** 1797 US frigate 'Constitution' - "Old Ironsides" - launched in Boston
- 1950 Omar Bradley promoted to 5 star General of the Army
- 1984 Hezbollah bombing of US Embassy annex in Beirut, 25 die
- 21** 1858 US Sloop-of-War 'Niagara' carries Black freedmen from Charleston, bound for Liberia
- 1872 James H. Conyers becomes first black USNA cadet
- 1941 Launch of first Liberty Ship, SS 'Patrick Henry'
- 1942 Maiden flight of B-29
- 22** 1862 Lincoln issues preliminary Emancipation Proclamation
- 1944 Boulogne liberated by Allies
- 1958 Elvis arrives at Brooklyn Army Terminal, to board transport for Germany
- 1961 Peace Corps is established
- 23** 1779 Celebrated frigate duel between John Paul Jones' 'Bonhomme Richard' & HMS 'Serapis'
- 1780 Maj. John Andre is captured, revealing Benedict Arnold's treason to provide West Point plans to British
- 1806 Lewis & Clark Expedition ends at St Louis
- 24** 1918 Ens David S. Ingalls becomes first USN ace, in Sopwith Camel, while seconded to Royal Air Force
- 1929 Lt James H Doolittle makes first all-instrument flight, over Brooklyn
- 1960 USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65) launched, first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier
- 25** 1861 SecNav Welles authorizes enlistment of former slaves

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| <p>26 1777 British troops occupy Philadelphia during American Revolution</p> <p>1918 US begins Meuse-Argonne offensive against Germans</p> <p>1950 UN troops liberate Seoul, Korea</p> <p>27 1777 Battle of Germantown: Washington defeated by British in close fight</p> <p>1779 John Adams negotiates Revolutionary War peace terms with Britain</p> <p>1996 Taliban capture Kabul, installing Islamist theocracy in Afghanistan</p> <p>28 1781 Siege of Yorktown begins: last major battle of Revolutionary War</p> <p>1850 Congress outlaws flogging in Navy and Merchant Marine</p> <p>1924 Two US Army planes end around-world flight, Seattle to Seattle, 57 stops</p> <p>28 Feast of St Michael the Archangel, Patron of Soldiers & of St Gabriel the Archangel, Patron of Diplomats and Signalmen</p> <p>1918 Led by 107th Infantry, NY's 27th Div makes decisive breakthrough of Hindenburg Line at San Quintin Tunnel</p> <p>29 1899 VFW Organized</p> <p>30 1914 Army disbands Seminole Negro Indian Scouts, after 44 years of service</p> | <p>1946 Judgement at Nuremberg: 22 Nazi leaders found guilty</p> <p>1949 Berlin Airlift ends after 277,000 flights</p> <p>1949 US officially disbands Philippine Scouts</p> <p>1977 Jonathan Kilian Dozier born</p> |
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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@verizon.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

| ~ August 2015 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| Post meets at Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, 110 Kempsville Road (behind American Legion & watertower at intersection of Battlefield Blvd & Kempsville Road) | | | | | | 1 Air Force Day |
| 2 | 3 | 4 US Coast Guard Birthday (1790) | 5 | 6 | 7 Purple Heart Medal established (1782) Vietnam War began (1964) | 8 10-1200 - VFW School of Instruction 1200 - VFW Dist 2 mtg - 392 VaBch |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 1900 - VFW Post meeting District Inspection | 13 | 14 Japan Surrendered (1945) - VJ Day (70 th Anniversary) National Navajo Code Talkers Day | 15 |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 National Aviation Day | 20 1900 - Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs meeting | 21 | 22 |
| 23 National Airborne Day | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 Post Inspection Discrepancy Corrections Report due to District | 2 V-J Day, Japan signed formal surrender (1945) | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Chesapeake Symphony Under the Stars, City Park | 7 Labor Day | 8 | 9 1900 - VFW Post meeting | 10 | 11 Patriot Day 9/11 National Patriot Day | 12 |
| 13 Grandparents Day Rosh Hashanah begins | 14 Star Spangled Banner written by Francis Scott Key (1814) VFW Ladies Auxiliary organized (1914) | 15 | 16 | 17 Constitution and Citizenship Day 1900 - Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs meeting | 18 POW/MIA Recognition Day US Air Force Birthday (1947) | 19 SEVA Hot Rod Club Show, Smithfield |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Yom Kippur begins | 23 Fall Begins | 24 | 25 | 26 0800 - Mayor's B'fast w/Vets Scholarship Fair, TCC - 12-5pm |
| 27 Gold Star Mother's Day Post Buddy Poppy Drive(?) Scholarship Fair, TCC - 12-5pm | 28 | 29 VFW Birthday (1899) | 30 SSG Jonathan K. Dozier birthday (1977) | Post meets at Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, 110 Kempsville Road (behind American Legion & watertower at intersection of Battlefield Blvd & Kempsville Road) | | |

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