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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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"Veterans Helping Others – Other Vets, Other People"

NEWSLETTER – Vol. IV, Issue 5, October-November 2015

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Greetings Comrades! Summer is over and the kids are back to school. Our fraternal year is in full swing and we are on the busy path again of helping others while having fun.

We can use everyone's help for some events during October and November like the Jumping for a Purpose fundraiser (3 Oct) and the Veterans Day Buddy Poppy drive (7-8 Nov). Also, City Hall will be hosting Hampton Roads Veterans Business Outreach Center's (HRVBOC's) Annual Commemoration and Appreciation Ceremony and Marine Corps Birthday on 10 November (www.hrvboc.org, 757-683-5505 or vboc@odu.edu. Read about them in this newsletter.

We had a bitter sweet moment this past September when we found out about a veteran – a Navy Petty Officer and VFW Life Member – who needed help with fixing up his home so that he could sell it before foreclosure. Unfortunately, he has to sell it because he has terminal brain cancer. Our Post stepped up – particularly Comrade Ben Larson – in donating time, labor and money to this worthwhile project.



Our newest members, "Micky" Casady and Eddie Vincek are WWII veterans with extraordinary stories. Short biographies of our "newbies" are included in this newsletter. Micky joined the Navy in 1937 and is the oldest plankholder of the USS Iowa while Eddie was a young Marine who landed on Iwo Jima on D-Day! When you meet them, please ask them to share their stories with you. They're both spry, active, and more than willing to share their "sea stories."

I also want to thank those comrades who went to the School Board meeting of 14 September in

defense of the 1st amendment and our rights as Americans.

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

Chris Mulholland, Commander

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

District 2 had a Training School of Instruction on August 22, 2015 and we had 6 members attend. We learned of the programs for the new year and the Department President's special projects which are Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center and Camp Corral. We were told of the new By-Law Amendments that will effectively transform our national association known as the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars into the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. I am happy to say we read our first 3 petitions on September 9, 2015; Greg Dunbar, son of Gary Dunbar, and Kevin and Christopher Mulholland, sons of Chris Mulholland.

We are looking forward for the opportunity to join and work with the Post Comrades in all the events that are scheduled for September, October and November. The



Auxiliary has also scheduled a Paint and Wine Party on October 10, 2015 @ 5:00 p.m. at Grace Schweers home. The cost is \$20.00 for all materials and everyone is asked bring a pot luck dish. This will be an opportunity to invite anyone who might be interested in joining the auxiliary to meet everyone.

We will also be getting together to make a Wreath so we can participate in the City's Ceremony for Veterans Day.

Sandy Dunbar, President

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, CITY HALL, 11 NOV, 11 AM

Please remember to join us in this year's Veterans Day Ceremony in front of Chesapeake City Hall on 11 November at 11 am. This year's ceremony will be dedicated to the veterans of the Vietnam War.

IN FLANDERS FIELD

by John McCrae, May 1915

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.



JUST A COMMON SOLDIER

(A Soldier Died Today)

by A. Lawrence Vaincourt, © 1987

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair was falling fast,
And he sat around the Legion, telling stories of the past.
Of a war that he had fought in and the deeds that he had done,
In his exploits with his buddies; they were heroes, every one.

And tho' sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales became a joke,
All his Legion buddies listened, for they knew whereof he spoke.
But we'll hear his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,
And the world's a little poorer, for a soldier died today.

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and his wife,
For he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful life.
Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his own way,
And the world won't note his passing, though a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in state,
While thousands note their passing and proclaim that they were
great.

Papers tell their whole life stories, from the time that they were
young,

But the passing of a soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land
A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow man?
Or the ordinary fellow who, in times of war and strife,
Goes off to serve his Country and offers up his life?

A politician's stipend and the style in which he lives
Are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.
While the ordinary soldier, who offered up his all,
Is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a pension small.

It's so easy to forget them for it was so long ago,
That the old Bills of our Country went to battle, but we know
It was not the politicians, with their compromise and ploys,
Who won for us the freedom that our Country now enjoys.

Should you find yourself in danger, with your enemies at hand,
Would you want a politician with his ever-shifting stand?
Or would you prefer a soldier, who has sworn to defend
His home, his kin and Country and would fight until the end?

He was just a common soldier and his ranks are growing thin,
But his presence should remind us we may need his like again.
For when countries are in conflict, then we find the soldier's part
Is to clean up all the troubles that the politicians start.

If we cannot do him honor while he's here to hear the praise,
Then at least let's give him homage at the ending of his days.
Perhaps just a simple headline in a paper that would say,
Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today.

See also the video: <http://www.justacommonsoldier.com>

DEDICATION CEREMONY FOR CODY CHILDERS MEMORIAL, 3 OCT

A life size Battle Cross in memory of one of Chesapeake's own, Lance Corporal Cody Childers, will be dedicated at his alma mater, Grassfield High School, on Saturday, 3 October, at 10 am.

Lance Corporal Cody Childers 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."

Cody's memorial is all due to the effort of a brother Marine of Cody's, Erik Johnson, who wrote: "I was injured September 2010 while conducting combat operations in Marjah, Afghanistan. I'm sure many of you have heard about a local hometown hero LCpl. Cody Childers. While Cody was a poolee I met him while on leave doing recruiters assistance. I immediately liked Cody and told him that while he was at school of infantry he had what it took to be a machine gunner. And that's what Cody did, he became a machine gunner. Cody got sent to my unit just a few months before we set off to Afghanistan. Cody laid down his life for his brothers and his country. He now rests peacefully surrounded by his brothers and sisters in Arlington [but] Cody deserves a memorial closer to home." Erik raised almost \$5000 in donations and a dedication ceremony for the memorial has been scheduled for 3 October, 2015.

On November 7, 2013, Congressman Randy Forbes wrote the following tribute to Cody:

Giving His All

Cody Childers had a childhood dream of serving in the United States Marine Corps and as a young high school senior, he courageously took the first steps towards making his dream a reality; he joined the delayed entry program at Grassfield High School in Chesapeake, which allows young men and women to make an early commitment to becoming Marines. In 2009, Cody graduated bootcamp and, soon after, he attended the School of Infantry at Camp Geiger. In an answer to the call of duty, he said goodbye to his family and friends and left the United States as Lance Corporal Cody Childers bound for Afghanistan on a mission to serve his country. He loved his country and he was eager to give his all.

And give his all he did.

Several months later, at only 19 years old, Cody's body was returned home to Dover Air Force base and escorted to his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery. Today, August 20, marks the one year anniversary of Cody's death in the Helmand province of Afghanistan.

Last year, I spoke at Cody's funeral. My voice broke as I spoke because my heart was broken for Cody and his family. I looked his mother in the eye and shook his father's hand. I thanked them for their son's sacrifice. They were gracious, although I know no words will ever be able to repay them for a loss of such magnitude. Yet, even in the face of such tremendous loss, the Childers have considered it their honor to continue to support those service men and women who proudly serve as Cody did.

Cody's mother has compiled and written a book to pay tribute to her son and to provide comfort for others who have also lost loved ones in the line of duty. Together, his parents have sent, in the past year over, 800 care packages to Marines who are serving our nation overseas. The Childers are an inspiration to not only those who have experienced the loss of a service

member, but to anyone who has lost a loved one. This family is, in fact, an inspiration to everyone who has the opportunity to meet them and witness firsthand their strength, pride and commitment.



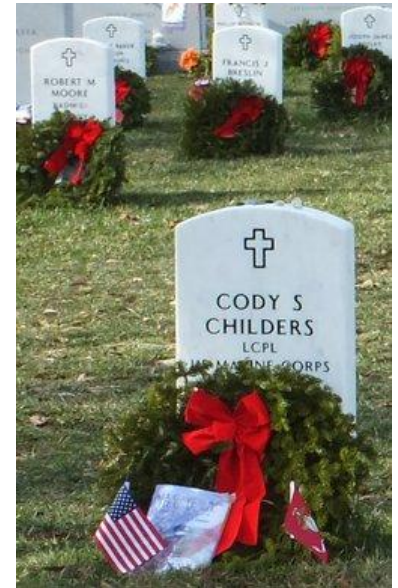
This week, I had the opportunity to be with the Childers family and to shake their hands once again. Cody was receiving the Patriot Award from the Civilian Marksmanship Program, which honors a selected veteran – a "hometown hero" – who has demonstrated valor in military service abroad. The award seeks to bring the lessons of our nation's veterans' courage and sacrifice to young people across the country. I submitted Cody's name for consideration of this award unaware that the award had never been given posthumously. The Director of the program said that when the Board of Directors read Cody's story, the decision was unanimous for him to receive the award. So Cody Childers became the first service member to receive the award posthumously.

The ceremony was simple. There were no media cameras. The audience was not large. There were no cannons or fanfare. It took place in my Chesapeake office, not in a great hall before thousands of people.

But it was powerful in that it was a poignant reminder of Cody's service to our nation. It was a culmination of a year of grieving and heartbreak and courage. It was also a reminder that we must not and will not forget to honor and remember those that serve this country – particularly those that paid the ultimate price for our freedom. For Cody's parents, family and friends, and for me, there was no other news story this week more important than the young man we honored at that ceremony.

Sometimes the most important news story of the week is not covered on national television or found on the front page of a newspaper. Sometimes the most important news story is one of relationship, milestone, and sacrifice: The mother who puts her child on the Kindergarten school bus for the first time. The parents that wave goodbye to their son as he stands at the door of his new dorm room. The woman who learns her best friend is battling breast cancer. The family whose son is receiving a posthumous award for paying the ultimate sacrifice for his nation at the age of 19. These are the real news stories that make up America.

Let us not forget to take time to thank those who serve; let us not forget to remember those who lost their lives in service; let



us not overlook the most important news story of those in our communities. And may the stories of sacrifice around us not go unnoticed.

Thank you, Lance Corporal Cody Childers, for giving your all.

VETERANS HELPING A VETERAN



The Salter family in happier days

Local Navy Petty Officer – and VFW Life Member – Nicholas Salter moved to a hospice in New Mexico so he could be near his family during his last moments because of terminal brain cancer. His house is threatened with foreclosure and he and his wife were having difficulty selling it since they had not been able to keep it up.

Here's some background information from the GoFundMe (www.gofundme.com/9a2kbewb): "FCC(SW) Nick Salter: This family has had a rough few years. 2 years ago, while Nick was on deployment onboard USS SAN JACINTO, and his wife and young daughter had moved back to NM while he was gone, the family paid a substantial amount of money to have the inside of the house completely remodeled. The contractor tore the house apart then left with all of their money and left them a house that was unliveable. They came back and started fixing the house and soon after found out Nick had brain cancer. He underwent specialized gamma radiation treatment and surgery. He recovered and then earlier this year more tumors were found. He underwent more treatment and surgery and was finally cleared to



From left: Chris Mulholland, Ben Larson, (a Navy Chief), Jeff Sherman, (a friend), Mark Junghans, and Sandy Dunbar

transfer to his final duty station, White Sands, NM, close to his hometown. Last week, Nick wasn't feeling well and went to the ER...yesterday his wife called me and said that they found more tumors and he will have to go through treatment again. She also told me their realtor had called and said that she probably couldn't sell the house in its current condition...and Erin, Nick's wife, said she doesn't have time

to worry about the house since she has to take care of Nick and their 6 yr old daughter, but that they will lose the house in a few more months if it doesn't sell."

When word was received about this unfolding tragedy, numerous shipmates, friends, neighbors, and even strangers, pitched in to repaint the house, make all the necessary repairs, rebuild the entire kitchen, etc. etc. Several comrades of Post 2894 and the Auxiliary volunteered to help out with this great effort. Comrade Ben Larson spent numerous hours helping out and even finagled an electrician friend to donate time and labor to helping the Salter family. The Post also donated \$323 of unspent money from the Mrs. Brashear project to this worthwhile cause. Here is the article which ran in the Daily News of 5 Sept 2015:

Community Rallies Around Terminally Ill Naval Officer Petty Officer Nick Salter diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, Chesapeake helps save his home from foreclosure
Author: Stephen Babb

Naval officer Nick Salter was diagnosed with skin cancer eight years ago, but things recently took a turn for the worse.

Salter's cancer spread to his brain last year, and his health has since declined. But with he and his family looking to sell their home — and facing foreclosure should they not be able to — Salter's Chesapeake, VA, community has offered a helping hand.



At least 300 volunteers have helped refurbish the home to get it in selling condition. Since being put on the market in April, the home hasn't gotten any offers. The hope is that a little touching up will change that.

"We're all out here just doing what we can to help my best buddy out," fellow Chief Petty Officer Ken Morris told WAVY. "There haven't been any offers on it yet, so we're just trying to make this top notch and get it up on the market so these guys can get out of the little bit of trouble that they're in."

The story about the Salter family's situation was spread through Facebook.

"[Donors have] blown the lid off the GoFundMe for the family," organizer Kristy Spurgeon told 13News Now. "It has exceeded the initial goal and the family will be able to use the excess for medical bills and living expenses."

"We must fix up this home so the family has some sort of financial security," Spurgeon explained. "The bank will take it unless we can fix it up and sell it."

Salter has already beaten brain cancer twice, reports 13News Now, but this recent return has put the family in the type of financial bind that families battling cancer often face.

Metastatic brain tumors like Salter's begin elsewhere in the body — in this case, the skin. This kind of tumor is more common in adults than children.

The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be 22,850 cases of malignant tumors of the brain or spinal cord diagnosed this year in the US.

Although it's a battle that Salter's volunteers can't help him win, the support remains very welcome.

"He was too stubborn to ask for help whenever he needed it," Morris said, per WAVY. "They kind of reached out last minute ... there's a lot of blood, sweat and tears going into [the project] right now."

The ultimate goal of the project is to sell the home. It's currently on the market for \$199,950.

<http://www.dailyrxnews.com/petty-officer-nick-salter-diagnosed-terminal-brain-cancer-chesapeake-helps-save-his-home-foreclosure>

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIPS

If you know of an eligible high schooler, please share this scholarship opportunity with them! 2894 actually offers two opportunities, one through the Post and another through the Auxiliary.

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 this year's program is **November 1, 2015** and the theme is: **"My Vision For America."**

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



PATRIOTS PEN SCHOLARSHIPS

If you know of an eligible middle schooler, please share this scholarship opportunity with them! 2894 actually offers two opportunities, one through the Post and another through the Auxiliary.



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 this year's program is **November 1, 2013**. The theme for 2012-2013 is: **"What Freedom 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:](http://www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen) www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy

OUR "SENIOR" COMRADES!

Our Post recently joined two "young" veterans of World War II – William "Micky" Casady who is 97 and a veteran of the US Navy, and former Marine Eddie Vincek, 94, who landed on Iwo Jima on D-Day.

"MICKY" CASADY is the oldest crewmember and plankholder of the USS IOWA (BB-61). Born May 3, 1918, he enlisted in the Navy in 1937 as a Seaman and required his state senator to request a height waiver before he could join. He served for, "Twenty-two years, two months and 10 days."

During his stellar career he served in both WWII and the Korean War on a total of 10 ships! In 1940-'41 he was stationed aboard the USS Ranger (CV-4), the first "built from the keel" aircraft carrier in the US Navy. He spent the first part of WWII in the Atlantic hunting German submarines off the East Coast.

After earning his Electrician's Mate (EM) rating in '42, he was then assigned to the USS Iowa (BB-61) in 1943 as part of the commissioning crew. He would later also become a plankholder for the USS Basilan (AG-68) in 1944.



After the war, he was aboard the USS Appalachian (AGC-61) off the Bikini Atoll in 1946 during the testing of the atomic bomb.

When the Korean War broke out he was assigned to the USS Valley Force (CVA-45). Micky retired on May 1, 1959 as an Interior Communications Electrician Chief (ICC).

After his retirement, he served 13 years as an aircraft electrician mechanics instructor at Norfolk Air Station, eventually retiring from civil service in 1975. He is married to Shirley.

EDDIE VINCEK was born in 1925 and grew up on a dairy farm in upstate New York. In May of 1943 he joined the US Marine Corps; "I was going to be drafted into the war. I didn't want to join the Navy, so, I joined the Marine Corps."

He first was stationed at Norfolk Naval Air Station where he met his future wife, Mary. He was then transferred to the Pacific after infantry training at Camp Lejeune and boarded LST 634 (Landing Ship Tank) bound for Japan. For 42 days he and his brother Marines voyaged across the ocean unsure of whether they would survive. Every day Japanese submarines

circled the convoy harassing and threatening them. While the Japanese never fired on the ships, the constant threat of attack kept them on edge.

On February 19, 1945, Eddie landed on the island of Iwo Jima – one hour after the initial landing. “Working on a dairy farm,”



he explained, “I was used to seeing animal blood, but not human blood spilt over the ground.” More than 6,000 Marines died during that invasion.

“I was one of the few that walked off carrying my own gear. So many others had been killed or wounded and weren’t able to carry their own gear off the island.”

After his honorable discharge as a Corporal in 1946, he returned to Virginia, married Mary, and bought a farm in Chesapeake.

He is an active member of the Grassfield Ruritan Club since 1956 and is the only charter member still alive.

Since 1988, the Vinceks have been actively involved with the Meals on Wheels ministry. The Vinceks are also very actively involved in their church, St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

After serving in the military for several years, Eddie believes that every young man should serve time in the military; “The military changed my life. It gave me a different perspective on life, but I hope that we never live through another war like that one.”

WWI HISTORY, 100 YEARS AGO TODAY...

October 6, 1915 – Approximate start of German mastery in the air on the Western front due to the Fokker airplane.

October 6, 1915 – The invasion of Serbia begins as Austro-German troops attack from the north. Five days later, the Bulgarians attack from the east. The outnumbered Serbs have their poorly supplied troops stretched too thinly to defend both fronts. Belgrade then falls to the Germans and the Bulgarians capture Kumanova, severing the country's north-south rail line. This leaves the overwhelmed Serbian troops no option other than to retreat westward through the mountains into Albania.

October 13, 1915 – Most severe airship raid on East Coast of England and London; casualties 200.

October 14, 1915 – Bulgaria and Serbia declare war on each other.

October 15, 1915 – Third Battle of Artois ends.

November 6, 1915 – Second Battle of Champagne ends.

November 11, 1915 – First British advance on Baghdad begins.

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

<http://www.greatwar.co.uk/timeline/ww1-events-1915.htm>

911 PATRIOT DAY CEREMONY, 2015

Members of the Post participated in the City of Chesapeake’s Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony at City Park next to the 911 Memorial. It was a somber occasion that brought back memories of grief – and of

resurrection. The guest speaker was Firefighter Faith Gayhear, CFD, who is originally from New York City but was a police officer in Chesapeake on that fateful day. She was one of 20 officers sent to NYC as part of a national effort to help the first responders in the city. She visited ground zero and said that that smell will be with her forever. After 8 years as a police officer, she then joined the Chesapeake Fire Department and has been with them every since.



If you get the chance, take time to stop by City Park and view the very somber memorial made with a beam from one of the World Trade Center towers.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN’S FOXHOLE

Prayer for Veterans Day



God of peace,
we pray for those who have served our nation
and have laid down their lives
to protect and defend our freedom.

We pray for those who have fought,
whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war,
whose nights are haunted by memories
too painful for the light of day.

We pray for those who serve us now,
especially for those in harm's way.

Shield them from danger
and bring them home.

Turn the hearts and minds
of our leaders and our enemies
to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.

Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor!

May the peace you left us,
the peace you gave us,
be the peace that sustains,
the peace that saves us.

Christ Jesus, hear us!

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!

Amen. -ConcordPastor

✚ OCTOBER SAFETY CORNER ✚ Fire Safety Month



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

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

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

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

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

Following these simple tips could potentially save your life or the life of a loved one. Pass this list on to your friends and family and make this fire prevention month count! Read more at www.quickenloans.com/blog/fire-prevention-month-10-ways-protect-prepare-fire#ElE2fBDmU4qvgcBC.99

✚ NOVEMBER SAFETY CORNER ✚ Child Safety Month

November is Child Safety Protection Month. The goal of Child Safety Protection Month is to create awareness about the potential dangers children face in everyday situations and to use this new knowledge to prevent any dangers. This also deals with baby safety.

As a parent, child safety is something that is often overlooked and relatable to personal safety. We try to protect our kids from all of the dangers of the outside World, but sometimes we forget about the dangers that kids face in their own homes. Childhood accidents put our kids lives at risk. You know how Smokey the Bear famously says: "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires; Well, in child safety, as a parent: "Only You Can Prevent Childhood Accidents."

According to the National Network of Child Care, here's a few child safety tips and facts that you need to know about, such as:

- Some foods are difficult to chew such as hot dogs, hard candies and nuts and cause 40% of all childhood choking deaths.
- Using child safety seats in the rear of the car, not the front seat.
- Keeping small children away from workout equipment.
- Putting outlet covers on outlets.

Have a safe Child Safety Protection Month! - See more at: <http://ocean.happeningmag.com/child-safety-protection-month#sthash.eqZh2clG.dpuf>

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: Matt Schweers, Jose Vazquez, Mark Junghans, Gary Dunbar, Mark Rios, and Chris Mulholland
- Budget Committee: Craig Devonshire, Jose Vazquez, Mark Rios, Chris Mulholland. Looking for additional volunteers.
- Membership Committee: Jose Vazquez, 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 QM. 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.

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OCTOBER MILITARY HISTORY

- 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
- 1945 US Army discharges MSGT Joe Louis
- 1955 Commissioning of USS 'Forrestal' (CVA-59) 1st supercarrier
- 1957 B-52 bombers begin full-time flying alert in case of USSR attack, which continues until early 1990s
- 1799 Washington Navy Yard established
- 1835 Battle of Gonzales: Texians rout Mexicans, touching off Texas Revolution
- 1895 Publication of Stephen Crane's "Red Badge of Courage"
- 1921 Unknown Soldier sails from France aboard USS 'Olympia'

- 1821 First USN squadron sails for anti-slavery patrol off Africa
- 1862 Battle of Corinth ends (from Oct 3)
- 1943 US aircraft & ships raid Japanese positions on Wake Is, leading to execution of American civilians held prisoner
- 1781 Americans & French begin siege of Cornwallis at Yorktown
- 1777 Second Battle of Saratoga (Bemis Heights): Americans win
- 2001 US & Allies initiate war in Afghanistan after Taliban refuses to surrender Osama bin Laden
- 1918 Sgt Alvin York captures "whole damned German Army"
- 1942 Guadalcanal: Marines encircle Japanese 4th Inf Regt
- 1945 Ticker tape parade on Broadway for Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz
- 1944 17 US carriers raid Ryukyus
- 1861 Battle of Dumfries/Quantico Creek, Va
- 1944 Japan announces it will "fight to last man, woman, child, weapon, and piece of equipment."
- 2000 Islamist suicide boat attack on USS 'Cole' (DDG-67) at Aden, 17 die, abt 40 wounded
- 1775 Congress establishes Continental Navy
- 1864 John Mosby raids Harpers Ferry
- 1942 Guadalcanal: Japanese ships land reinforcements, shell Marines
- 1942 New Guinea: Heavy fighting, Templeton's Crossing, KokodTrail.
- 1944 Peleliu secured: Japanese KIC. 12,000, US over 1,200.
- 1859 John Brown's "Raid" on Harper's Ferry
- 1863 U.S. Grant is named commander of Union forces in West
- 1940 WW II draft begins; #158 is drawn first
- 1962 Missile Crisis: JFK learns of Soviet missiles in Cuba
- 1777 British General John Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga
- 1781 British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown
- 1916 Battleship 'Arizona' (BB-39) commissioned at Brooklyn Navy Yard
- 1922 1st US carrier take-off: Virgil C. Griffin in VE-7SF off 'Langley' (CV 1)
- 1767 Completion of survey of Mason-Dixon Line, defining mutual borders of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware
- 1859 US Marines under Robert E. Lee capture John Brown & his party at Harper's ferry
- 1879 William Tecumseh Sherman says "War is hell"
- 1915 USN establishes submarine base at New London, Ct.
- 1950 UN forces enter Pyongyang, capital of North Korea
- 1987 US warships destroy Iranian oil platforms in Persian Gulf
- 1944 MacArthur returns to Philippines at Leyte, with 200,000 troops
- 1944 US First Army secures Aachen
- 1797 USS 'Constitution' - 'Old Ironsides' - is launched at Boston
- 1836 Sam Houston inaugurated as 1st elected President of Republic of Texas (1836-1838)
- 1875 Sons of American Revolution (SAR) organized
- 1954 West Germany joins NATO
- 1962 Missile Crisis: JFK imposes naval blockade on Cub
- 1775 Congress bars blacks from army, but is generally ignored
- 1942 Guadalcanal: Battle of Edson's Ridge - Japanese assault broken
- 1983 Beirut: Suicide truck bomb kills 243 US personnel
- 1942 FDR directs that all available ammunition, aircraft, & equipment be provided to forces engaged on Guadalcanal or bound for North Africa, even if it means stripping units elsewhere
- 1943 Battle of Cape St. George: five US destroyers sink 3 of 6 Japanese destroyers

- 1958 US Marines leave Lebanon (there since July)
1983 US and West Indian forces occupy Grenada
- 26** 1861 Last ride of Pony Express
1881 Gunfight at OK Corral, Tombstone
1944 Leyte Gulf ends: losses, Japan 34 major warships, US 6
- 27** 1775 Congress formally establishes US Navy
1810 U.S. annexes West Florida from Spain
1942 Battle of Santa Cruz Is: USS 'Hornet' (CV-8) sinks
1954 Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. becomes first black general in USAF
- 28** 1942 "Tokyo Express" lands troops on Guadalcanal.
1962 Khrushchev orders missiles out of Cuba, ending Missile Crisis
- 29** 1929 "Black Friday": 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
1941 'U-552' sinks USS 'Reuben James' (DD-245), 115 die; first US ship lost in WW II
1952 First thermonuclear bomb detonated, Marshall Islands
1968 President Johnson orders halt to all bombing of North Vietnam
- 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
1909 USN begins construction of base at Pearl Harbor
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, Day 1: Japanese aircraft raid Henderson field, both fleets converge on Iron Bottom Sound
- 13** 1775 Americans under Maj Gen Richard Montgomery capture Montreal
1776 John Paul Jones captures British transport 'Mellish'
1982 Vietnam War Memorial dedicated
- 14** 1910 First airplane takeoff from ship: Eugene Ely in Curtiss Flyer, off USS 'Birmingham' (CL-2)
- 15** 1864 Sherman burns what Confederates haven't of Atlanta
- 16** 1982 Maiden voyage of Space Shuttle 'Columbia'
- 17** 1869 Suez Canal opens
1913 Panama Canal opens
1917 First US ASW Victory: Destroyers 'Fanning' (DD-37) & 'Nicholson' (DD-52) sink 'U-58', in Irish Sea
- 18** 1961 JFK sends 18,000 military advisors to South Vietnam
- 19** 1492 Columbus lands in Puerto Rico
1863 Abraham Lincoln gives his Gettysburg speech
1944 New Guinea: U.S. troops land
1950 Eisenhower becomes supreme commander of NATO
1999 USCG Capt Earl R. Fox, Public Health Service, retires; last WW II veteran on active service

NOVEMBER MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1765 Stamp Act goes into effect in British colonies
1835 Texians begin siege of San Antonio (it falls Dec 4)
1943 Bougainville: 3rd Marine Div lands at Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay
1951 First atomic explosion with troops present, NM
1952 First hydrogen device exploded, Eniwetok Atoll
- 2** 1783 Washington's "Farewell Address to Army," at Rocky Hill, near Princeton
1917 First US troops KIA in France
1944 US & Filipino troops clear Japanese from 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 patent for 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"
- 6** 1945 First jet carrier landing: Ryan FR "Fireball" on USS 'Wake Island' (CVE-65)
- 7** 1865 CSS 'Shenandoah' surrenders to British authorities at Liverpool, seven months after Appomattox
1973 The War Powers Act becomes law
- 8** 1942 Operation Torch: US/British forces land northwestern Africa
1950 Lt. Russell J. Brown's F-86 scores 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 Marine Corps
1782 Chillicote, Ohio, George Rodgers Clark defeats Indians and Tories; final battle of Revolutionary War.
- 20** 1866 First national convention of Grand Army of Republic
1945 General of Army George C. Marshall steps down, after 2272 days as Chief-of-Staff
- 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** 1943 Operation Galvanic: US forces secure Tarawa & Makin
1944 Gen Patch's Seventh Army captures Strassbourg
- 24** 1941 CNO warns fleet "surprise aggressive movement" by Japan imminent
1944 First B-29 raid from Saipan; 111 bombers hit Tokyo.
- 25** 1783 Evacuation Day: British leave New York City, their last base in US, and that evening Governor George Clinton of New York honors George Washington with banquet at Fraunces' Tavern, where thirteen toasts were offered, beginning with "The United States of America"
1961 USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65), first nuclear-powered carrier, is commissioned
- 26** 1862 Lincoln meets ". . . little lady who started this big war," Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 27** 1789 President George Washington proclaims last Thursday in November day of prayer and thanksgiving
1943 Teheran Conference: Churchill, Roosevelt, and Stalin talk strategy
- 28** 1795 US pays \$800,000 & frigate for "protection" from Algerian & Tunisian pirates
- 29** 1760 Rogers' Rangers capture Detroit from French
1951 1st underground atomic explosion, Frenchman's Flat, Nevada
- 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 launch in May of 1944

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 Oct 2015, 1000-1800 – Jumping for a Purpose, Wounded Wear fundraiser at Suffolk Airport; hot dog cart and recruiting
- 3 Oct 2015, 1000 – LCPL Childers Memorial Dedication, Grassfield HS
- 7 Oct 2015, 1500-1900 – Great American Food Fest, Sheriff's Dept; Buddy Poppies and recruiting tent
- 10 Oct 2015, Chesapeake Wine Festival, City Park
- 17 October 2015, 0900-1300 – Montero Health Fair for Veterans, Chesapeake Regional Medical Center Lifestyle Building
- 21 October 2015, Fisher House Fund Raiser
- 7-8 November 2015 – Buddy Poppy Drive, Grassfield Walmart
- 10 November 2015, 0900-1100, Hampton Roads Veterans Business Outreach Center breakfast and awards ceremony, City Hall
- 11 November 2015, 1100 – Veterans' Day Ceremony, City Hall
- 21 November 2015 – District 2 meeting, Post 3160 Norfolk (lunch 1200, meeting 1300)
- 5 Dec 2015 – Chesapeake Christmas Parade
- 5 Dec 2015 – Battle of Great Bridge Reenactment
- 13 February 2016 – District 2 meeting, Post 4411 Franklin (social 1100, lunch 1200, meeting 1300)
- 23 April 2016 – 5th Annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk, Dismal Swamp Park
- TBD May 2016 – VFW/American Legion softball tournament
- 6 May 2016 – Military Spouse Day Poppy Drive, Grassfield WalMart (?)
- 14 May 2016 – District 2 Convention, Post 4809 Norfolk (lunch 1200, meeting 1300)
- 23-27 July, 2016 – National Convention – Charlotte, NC

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 cdrpost2894@va.vfwwebmail.com
- **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.**
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Fisher House Portsmouth
Wednesday, October 21, 2015

VFW Post 4809

5728 Barteo Street, Norfolk, VA 23502

Open bar (beer & wine): 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Entertainment by Frank Sinatra tribute singer Frank Cubillo
Italian dinner (choice of 2 entrees): 7:00pm – 7:45pm

Followed by dessert, coffee and speaking engagements by

Attorney, Navy veteran and WNIS radio personality Mike Improveto
and Local author Mark Gerszewski

Tickets must be purchased in advance: \$58 per person
Deadline for registration is **Wednesday, October 14**
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3rd ANNUAL VALUING VETERANS
*Annual Commemoration and Appreciation for
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November 10, 2015
Chesapeake City Hall
306 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322

9 am Networking Breakfast
Reception

9:30-10:30 am Program

10:30-11:00 am 240th Marine Corps

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POST 2894 CALENDAR

~ October 2015 ~						
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	2	3 1000 - LCpl Childers Memorial Dedication, Grassfield HS 1000-1800 - Wounded Wear's Jumping for a Purpose, Suffolk Airport
4 Chesapeake Bark in the Park	5	6	7 Afghanistan War began (2001) 1500-1900 - Great American Food Fest, City Park	8	9	10 Chesapeake Wine Festival
11	12 Columbus Day	13 US Navy Birthday (1775)	14 1900 - VFW Post meeting Quarterly Audit Due end of month	15 1900 - Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs meeting	16	17 Monterro Health Fair for Veterans, 0900-1300
18	19	20	21 1800 - Fundraiser for Fisher House, Portsmouth Naval Hospital - Post 4809, Norfolk	22	23 Marine Barracks Beirut Lebanon blown up (1983) Grenada Campaign began (1983)	24
25	26	27 Navy Day	28	29	30	31 Halloween
~ November 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy nominations due to Post	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7 0900-1600 - Buddy Poppy Drive, Grassfield WalMart
8 0900-1600 - Buddy Poppy Drive, Grassfield WalMart	9	10 240 th Birthday of the US Marine Corps (1775) 0900-1100 - Veterans Small Business recognition ceremony, City Hall	11 Veterans' Day 1100 - Ceremony Chesapeake City Hall 1900 - VFW Post meeting	12	13	14
15 Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy nominations due to District	16	17	18	19 1900 - Mayor's Commission on Veterans Affairs meeting	20	21 1200 - VFW Dist 2 mtg - 3160 Norfolk Chesapeake Holiday Craft Show Grenada Campaign ended (1983)
22 Chesapeake Holiday Craft Show	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30	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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