

VFW OBJECTIVES:

- TO ENSURE THE NATIONAL SECURITY through maximum military strength
- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO SPEED THE REHABILITATION of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM through education in patriotism and constructive service to the communities in which we live.



POST 2894

Meetings

2nd Wednesday of month – 7:00 pm
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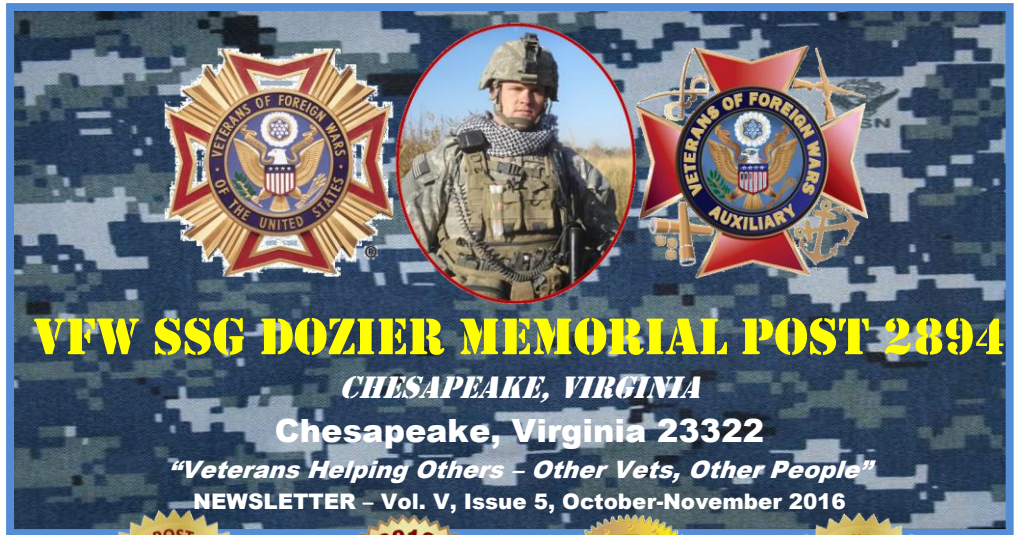
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COMRADE WINS GOLD AT NATIONAL VETERANS' WHEELCHAIR GAMES!

Comrade Ronald Mayfield recently competed at the 36th National Veterans Wheelchair Games (NVWG) with sponsorship help from Post 2894. The NVWG is the world's largest wheelchair athletic event and was held this year in Salt Lake City, Utah between 27 June and 1 July.

The NVWG is hosted by the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) and the Veterans' Administration (VA). The Games are open to all US military veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition as a result of spinal cord injury, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments, and who receive care at VA medical facilities or military treatment centers.

More than 600 veterans, including a team from Great Britain, traveled to Utah to compete in 18 wheelchair sport events while providing encouragement to and mentoring for new veterans to realize that limitations are only a state of mind.

Ron finished the Games with a rainbow of medals! He received a Gold in bowling, a Silver in motorized slalom, and a Bronze in power soccer.

Ron does a lot for other wounded warriors. He regularly travels to the Hampton VA to help with the speech therapy and traumatic brain injury clinics as a result of his own personal experiences.

After a successful deployment in Bosnia, Navy Chief Ron was in the western part of Virginia at a hunt club, sitting on a log and aiming at a deer across a clearing. What he didn't realize was that another hunter was on the other side of the clearing aiming at the same deer and fired first. Ron was hit with 00 buckshot in the left side of his head and body. He spent the next few months in a coma, and was unable to walk or speak for more than a year. He has fought his way back and even written a book about his experience.



Ron with his 3 medals.

Ron competes regularly on the wounded warrior circuit, participating in skiing, hand-cycle road races, powered wheelchair soccer and more. Although physically "differently-abled", Ron is more active than most "temporarily-abled" individuals.

The Post is better off for having Ron as one of our members!

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

Please remember to join us for this year's Veterans Day Ceremony in front of Chesapeake City Hall on 11 November at 11 am.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

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

I want to thank our Surgeon José Vazquez, for attending the National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, this past July on behalf of the Post. He accepted the Post's award as a National Outstanding Community Service Post, attended several workshops, and listened to one of the major candidates for President. José also stepped up and volunteered to fill the shoes of Junior Vice Post Commander beginning in August.



I also want to thank Comrade Matt Schweers for thinking of – and coordinating – our August Post meeting at Harbor Park where we got to enjoy good camaraderie, great food, and an exciting game!

It's thanks to Comrades like José, Matt, Ron, Mark Junghans, Jim Keiper, Carl Dozier, Mike Kust (you'll read their stories later in this newsletter) and so many more, who

are responsible for all the success and recognition our Post has garnered during the past two years!

We held a very touching and emotional POW-MIA Day Remembrance Ceremony in City Hall – thanks to all who made it to the ceremony! And more thanks for all those who helped out at the Tidewater Hot Rod Club car show in Smithfield – we raised almost \$550 from our hot dog and hamburger sales!

I want to wish our former Quartermaster, Craig Devonshire, fair winds and following seas as he and his family move to Houston on their next adventure!

Please don't forget that one of the greatest rights that we all wore the uniform to uphold, is the right to vote. **Do your patriotic duty this November 8th!**

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

Chris Mulholland, Commander

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy Fall to All!

Saturday, September 17, was a busy day. First was the Mayor's Veterans Breakfast. I would like to thank those of you who were able to attend. The breakfast seems to grow every year, so the word is spreading. Chesapeake is lucky to have a Mayor who truly cares for the Veterans.

What a day we had at the Southeast VA Street Rod Car Show. I want to thank everyone who showed up and helped with this event. The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious and the fellowship was outstanding. There were some beautiful looking cars and trucks to look at and I think the show was a success.

Looking ahead, the next couple of months have special dates to remember. The Post Commander put out a calendar. I hope everyone will be able to come out and support the Poppy Drive on November 5th and 6th at the Greenbrier Wal-Mart. November 8th, Election Day. Very important for everyone to get out and vote. If you have neighbors who don't drive or know of someone who needs a ride, we can help. Every vote counts and we need to



Vote to Honor our Veterans who have fought for us to give us this opportunity. November 11th Veterans Day Ceremony, Chesapeake City Hall at 11:00. Our District 2 Meeting will be Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 1200 at Post 3160, Norfolk.

If you work with Youth organizations spread the word about the Patriot's Pen Competition and the Voice of Democracy Competition. Deadline is November 1st. Applications are on-line or they can contact Chris Mulholland or Sandy Dunbar and we will be happy to help getting them the application.

Thanks everyone, for your continued work for the Veterans.

Sandy Dunbar, President

POST BUDDY POPPY DRIVE 5-6 NOVEMBER

We will be conducting the Veterans' Day Buddy Poppy Drive over the weekend of 5-6 November at the Walmart at Battlefield Boulevard Shopping Center, 1521 Sam's Circle, Chesapeake, VA 23320.



Last year, we had the largest poppy drive in our Post's history, collecting \$1,456.36 in donations! We could do more this year! But we'll need everyone's help. We'll send out more information as we get closer to the dates.

Thank you in advance!

"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.

THE HISTORY OF VETERANS DAY

[From Military.com]: November 11, or what has come to be known as Veterans Day, was originally set as a U.S. legal holiday to honor Armistice Day - the end of World War I, which officially took place on November 11, 1918.

President Woodrow Wilson honored the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

In 1954, Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, struck out the word "Armistice" and inserted the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Between 1968 and 1975, Veterans Day was moved around on the calendar, sometimes even appearing on the last Monday of October. Finally on September 20, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed a law which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978.



President Eisenhower signs HR7786, officially changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Just a reminder, there are four National Days set aside for Servicemen and Women:

- Armed Forces Day – to honor those currently serving
- Veterans Day – to honor those who served
- Memorial Day – to honor those who fell while serving
- POW/MIA Day – to honor those who went missing or were captured while serving

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>

**VFW POST 2894 NIGHT WITH THE
TIDEWATER TIDES**

The Post and Auxiliary held their respective August meetings on the “Party Deck” at Harbor Park in Norfolk.



Although it was a hot night, there was a great breeze coming off the river that kept us all comfortable – that, and all the adult beverages served by “Steve” of Harbor Park!

Afterwards, the Comrades, Auxiliary, their families, friends and guests (a total of 45!) enjoyed dinner in the outfield while watching the Tides win in a come-from-behind-win, 4-2, against the Toledo Mud Hens. It also happened to be “Navy Night” so all the Sailors of the Post were honored with a series of events including demonstrations of various military skills, the Atlantic Fleet Band, and a flyover of the stadium by two F/A-18s!

We were even up on the scoreboard as special guests!

All in all, everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year’s baseball night-out!

**POST REMEMBERS NATIONAL
POW-MIA DAY**

Post 2894 received permission from the Mayor’s office to set up a display in the lobby of City Hall honoring National POW-MIA day. The display was set up on the 12th of September and remained in place until the 19th. It consisted of a “Missing Man” table and a plaque listing all 37 Servicemen from Chesapeake (or, as it used to be

known, South Norfolk or, even before then, Norfolk County) still missing-in-action or captured and held as POWs who never returned.

On Friday the 16th of September, the Post conducted a Remembrance Ceremony that was attended by a number of citizens, and included Councilwoman Debbie Ritter, former Mayor Bill Ward, and Charlotte Hurd, Military Liaison for Senator Mark Warner.

After opening remarks, Mayor Alan Krasnoff read a proclamation recognizing the day as “POW/MIA Recognition Day”. Junior Vice Commander José

Vazquez and Post Chaplain Mark Junghans then described each of the symbols on the Missing Man Table and then read out the names of each of the 37 missing or POWs. After each name, Post Trustee John Guill rang a bell to honor their memory.

Citizens from our area have served in practically every strife since the Revolutionary War. During these wars, 37 of them went missing in action and, of those, 8 died as prisoners of war.

They were sailors, soldiers and airmen. They served in the North Atlantic and the South Pacific, in the air over



*The POW-MIA Display
(photo courtesy of Captured Moments Photography LLC)*



*Post comrades and Ms. Hurd in front of POW-MIA Display
(photo courtesy of Captured Moments Photography LLC)*

Germany, Japan, Tinian, and Formosa; and even in the mountains between India and China.

Six were aboard the USS Maine in Havana Harbor when it exploded in 1898; six were captured in Bataan or Corregidor and died in the Philippines or aboard Japanese prison ships.

Two died as prisoners in Union POW camps. 14 were lost at sea, 10 were killed in airplane crashes, and one is still buried somewhere aboard the USS Arizona. They were Privates and Navy Captains, Corporals and Coxswains. Some were married, most were not. They were sons, fathers, brothers, uncles, and husbands. In short, they were us. They gave the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our country and their final resting places are known only to God.

This was the first ever official recognition of POW-MIA Day in Chesapeake and was a tremendously touching, and significant event for everyone who was there. The real impetus behind this touching event was Chaplain Mark Junghans who passionately pushed for recognition of this special day. We will do this again next year and every year thereafter until all of our missing are accounted for.

Their names are:

- 1st Class Bosun Mate James Pillans Aitken, USN – 1898
- Landsman Charles Anderson, USN – 1898
- Captain John Bayne, Continental Navy – about 1777
- Corporal James B. Beasley, USA* – 1942
- Corporal Denver Blake, Army Air Force (USAAF) – 1945
- Sergeant Edward Boss, USAAF – 1944
- Seaman 2nd Class Charles James Brown, USN – 1943
- Private Charles James Bunnell, CSA* – 1864
- Private Hilbert B. Caplan, USAAF* – 1944
- Mess Attendant First Class Robert Carpenter, USN – December 7th, 1941
- Private Elmo Cromwell, USAAF – 1943
- Private Harry Day, Jr., USAAF* – 1944
- Flight Officer James Edward Dozier, USAAF – 1944
- Technical Sergeant James Gaston, USA – 1944
- Private First Class William Glassman, USA – 1945
- Private First Class George L. Hassell, USAAF – 1945
- Coxswain Norman Albert Hempel, USN – 1918
- Private Richard Jaquelin Marshall, Jr., USAAF – 1943
- Seaman Second Class James Merrell, Jr., USN – 1944
- Private Dewey Allen Midgett, USA – 1967
- Private Junious Moore, USAAF* – 1944
- Private First Class Charles Mott, Jr., USA* – 1944
- Mess Attendant Robert Perry, USN – 1898
- Mess Attendant James Pinkney, USN – 1898
- Second Lieutenant Bonnie Puryear, USAAF – 1944
- Private Emmett Rivers, USA – 1945
- Sergeant Robert Ruggieri, USAAF – 1945
- Chief Machinist William Rushworth, USN – 1898
- Sergeant Luther Salter, USAAF – 1944
- Corporal James Shy, USA* – 1944
- Coal Passer Alfred Simmons, USN – 1898
- Private First Class Jerome Speller, Jr., USA – 1943
- Sergeant George W. Tart, CSA* – 1865
- Corporal Harry Edward Wainwright, USAAF – 1945
- Private First Class Wilfred Ward, USAAF – 1943

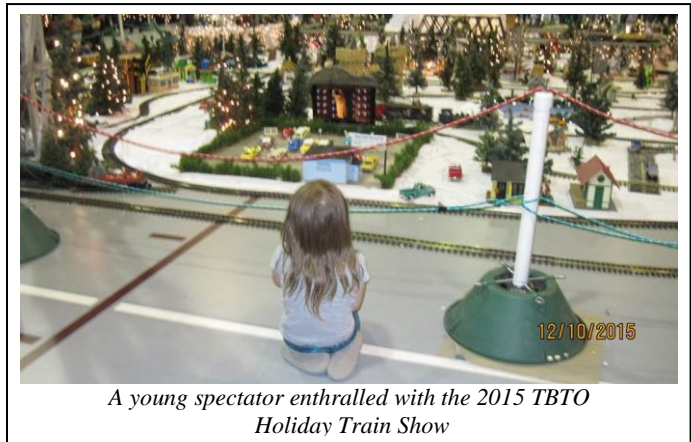
- Private Isaiah Williams, USA – 1944 or '45
- Technical Sergeant Robert Yates, Jr., USAAF – 1945

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NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD MONTH AND WE HAVE COMRADES WHO LOVE TRAINS!

November is National Model Railroad Month, a time when clubs and enthusiasts are asked to share and promote model railroading with people new to the hobby. And Post 2894 Comrades Kim Keiper and Mark Junghans absolutely love trains! No matter what size!

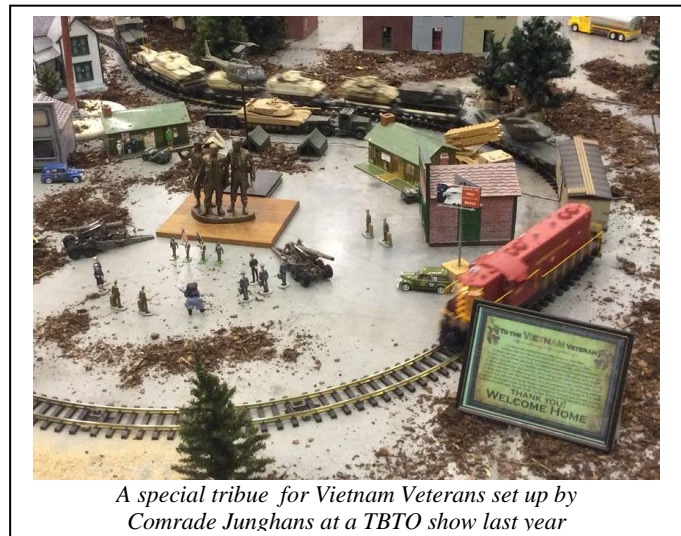
Mark and his wife, Becky, have been active members of the Tidewater Big Train Operators (TBTO) club since 2007. TBTO (www.tbto.org) is one of the oldest garden railroad clubs in the US and consists of over 65 families from the



A young spectator enthralled with the 2015 TBTO Holiday Train Show

greater Tidewater area, Richmond, southeastern North Carolina, and beyond.

Mark has been involved with trains since childhood along with his brother. He still has the Marx 0 Gauge steam engine



A special tribute for Vietnam Veterans set up by Comrade Junghans at a TBTO show last year

he had as a child! His favorite era of trains are from 1860-1918 and those from the 1940s. One of his specialties is military railroading through which he is able to salute those who have served or are still serving.

Mark has twice held the post of Vice President of TBTO. TBTO's 'big trains' are aptly named! They are G-Scale with cars that are about 17" long and 6-1/2" tall.

Mark and Becky participate throughout the year at weekend long (and some week-long!) shows at various venues around the Tidewater area. It usually takes them a full day just to set up some amazing exhibitions of trains and scenery.

The Junghans also make sure to include visits to historic trains or railroad artifacts in all of their vacation plans. This year, they traveled to Alaska where they cruised along the majestic shoreline but also took time to see the "Harding Car", a Pullman rail car used by President Warren G. Harding back in 1923.

The TBTO is also raising money to restore a military hospital rail car in conjunction with the Lee Hall Train Station Foundation.

Mark shares his concern and gratitude for veterans through his displays. He has a number of military trains and includes a miniature copy of the Vietnam "Three Soldiers" Statue displayed on the National Mall in Washington DC. He has handed out numerous Vietnam Commemorative Pins at the various train shows.

Jim Keiper is one of those Vietnam vets – he flew numerous helicopter missions over North Vietnam – and he's a member of the Tidewater Division of the National Model Railway Association (NMRA – nmra.org).

Jim recounts that, "I always had a liking for model trains from a very young age. My Dad was a Marine Corporal in 1942-46 and part of the occupation forces in Japan. After the war, he worked for the Erie Lackawanna Railroad in Pennsylvania, and he and I would set up an O Scale Lionel [train set] every Christmas. I then built my own layout in our cellar in Tobyhanna."

NMRA is focused on the advancement of the hobby through outreach and other methods of new member acquisition. Their many regions and divisions across the country support hundreds of clubs that host open houses and workshop events.

Jim writes: "I am a Member of the Tidewater Modular Railroad Club (TMRC); tmrrclub.wixsite.com/trains. It is a Special Interest Group (SIG) of the NMRA, Tidewater Division (www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org), to which I also am a Member. We have to be an NMRA Member in order to be eligible for the TMRC. I have been a member of the TMRC for 17 years. The TMRC has transportable HO Scale Modules which we set up at various venues such as Nursing and/or Assisted Living Centers, churches, historical venues, and our Annual Model Train Show and Sale at the Virginia Beach Convention Center every October for the last 21 years. Of particular interest is our teaming with the USMC Toys For Tots at our October Show (www.nmra-mer-tidewater.org).

Both Mark and Jim are active in a number of other organizations. Mark is active with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) while Jim volunteers with the Alzheimer's Association of Southeast Virginia. He has been serving

about 8 years as the "Water Guy" (handing out 1200 bottles of water at their Annual "Walk To End Alzheimer's," on the Virginia Beach boardwalk. Jim is also part-time employee of the Concerned Veterans For America (CVA) and volunteers once a month to help clean up/mow grass, etc., at the Oakland Cemetery in Hampton with the Langley AFB, USAF Sergeant's Association.



Comrades Mark Junghans (left) and Jim Keiper at a train show held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Poquoson, Virginia, 19-20

Mark and Jim are currently working to introduce model railroading to veterans at Veterans Administration (VA) hospitals and local assistive living or nursing centers. They hope to reach out to those with PTSD and show them how model railroading provides relief and benefits.

Anyone interested in learning more about this fun hobby is encouraged to contact Mark Junghans at C-757-814-1536 or mark.junghans@cox.net.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN'S FOXHOLE

VETERANS DAY PRAYER

By Kathleen Rolenz

Let us join our hearts and minds together in the spirit of prayer:

O Holy One, that unites all who are estranged and challenges all who preach division and exclusion, We see that unity so often in the eyes of a child, who sees neither race or creed in any eyes that look back, but only whether those are smiling or crying.

Suffer the little children to come to me, Jesus once said, for such is the Kingdom of God.

Yet every one of us had the eyes of a child at one time, had that vision, had that open acceptance.



Before we put on the armor of our educations, and our social class, before we went to school and to war,

before we went to church or mosque or synagogue, or temple,

We were somebody's child and we were loved.

So Holy One, help us to hold in our hearts and our hands all those mother's sons and daughters who are in harm's way this day -

those who fight the wars of today and hope to lay eyes on those they love once more—

those who came home from the wars of yesterday and could not tell us what their eyes saw

those whose eyes were closed forever and whose family's eyes were filled with tears this Veteran's Day.

On all sides, in both trenches, despite the evil that is done, despite the high ideals that are proclaimed, our faith is that all these children deserve to be called the Children of God.

We pause in silent affirmation of that faith: Amen.

KUST FAMILY: "PUPPY RAISERS"

Many of our Post and Auxiliary members volunteer extensive hours to other causes, but probably none provide more than Donna and Mike Kust! They're known as "puppy raisers" – raising puppies from the age of 8 weeks to 16 months before turning them over to the 'Guiding Eyes for the Blind' for training as guide dogs.

In their "off" time, Donna performs as our Auxiliary Treasurer and Mike as our Post Quartermaster. Mike retired from the Navy after 24 years as a Machinist's Mate but still spends a lot of time on the road with Wartsila Defense working on Naval ships and submarines and commercial ships around the world.

Since 2002 they have raised 12 puppies: *Quebec, Alan, Cory, Hayley, Willa, Addison, Primrose, Marli, Marissa, Sprite, Yukon*, and currently *Ryker*, who is 14 months old and leaves for guide dog school ("college") this October.

Donna and Mike, along with their children, Chris and Katie, provide a safe, healthy and loving home for a puppy

while teaching them basic obedience, house manners, and a lot of socialization. Chris, a Captain with the Army Rangers, recently joined our Post as a Life Member. He is currently deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan.

It's not easy accepting a puppy into your home knowing that they'll eventually leave. It's bittersweet but rewarding – Donna says it's "awesome" – to see a puppy go full circle from not long after birth to graduation from "puppy college" with a visually impaired person. The Kusts look at each puppy as a way to "pay it forward" – to make a difference in someone else's life; to fill someone else's empty place, touching the heart of a complete stranger and giving them more confidence and a great deal of independence.

Some of the puppies don't become guide dogs but are selected for other career paths such as ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) working bomb detection, drug detection, accelerant detection (arson), and even electronic detection (computers and cellphones). Occasionally, a puppy isn't cut out as a working dog and is released from training before being adopted as cherished family pets.

The waiting list for adoption is 3-4 years long. It's been said – and proven true more often than not! – that the dog chooses its own career path.

One of the Kust's puppies, Marissa, now works in Belgium Centre for Guide Dogs.

As puppy raisers, the Kusts are responsible for purchasing the food and toys. The puppies come with a crate, leash, and collar and Guiding Eyes provides all the flea and heart worm medication and treatments. Local vets volunteer their services so vet bills aren't a worry.

The puppies are taken out on group outings so as to become comfortable and at-ease in group and public settings.

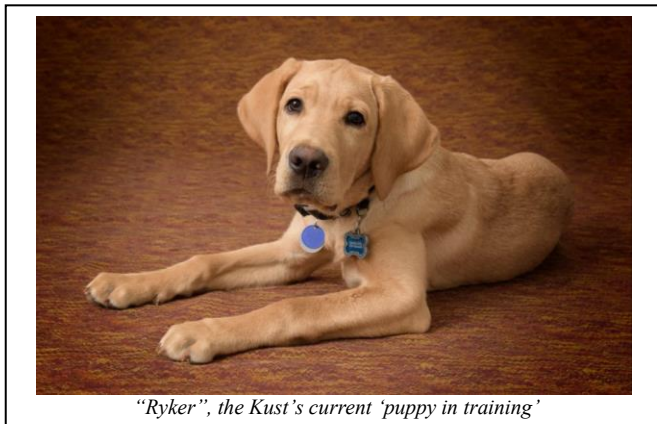
Guiding Eyes for the Blind is an internationally accredited nonprofit guide dog school based in Yorktown Heights, New York. It was founded in 1954 to enrich the lives of blind and visually impaired men and women by providing them with the freedom to travel safely, thereby ensuring greater independence, dignity, and expanded horizons of opportunity. Many veterans have been provided with guide dogs through Guiding Eyes.

A nice 'end to the story' is that the Kust's very first puppy, Quebec, was medically released at the age of 14 years and has been adopted by Donna and Mike, along with Yukon, who was released from training.

You can read more about Guiding Eyes on their website, www.guidingeyes.org.



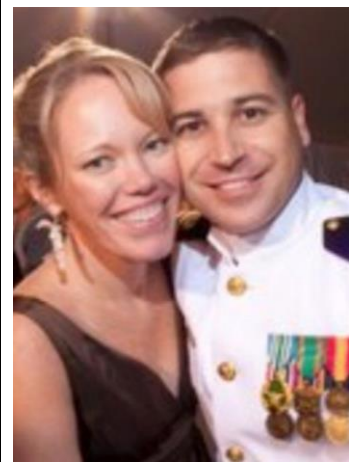
Donna and Marli in 2012



"Ryker", the Kust's current 'puppy in training'

POST JUDGE ADVOCATE IS A TIDEWATER "TOP LAWYER"!

Post Judge Advocate Matt Hamel was just selected to the *Coastal Virginia Magazine* 2016 "Top Lawyers" list. His wife, Karen, writes, "Those of you that know him know he never stops working, is always at the mercy of his phone, and takes very little time for himself. The 'free' time he does have is spent shuttling the kids or at events for the kids. I don't know anyone more deserving of this award. All of his hard work, dedication, and entrepreneurial drive have paid off!"



Karen and Matt Hamel

What's really touching for Matt is that those who make the list are voted on by their peers and, as an independent lawyer, he did not have the support of a large firm of lawyers but was selected because of his reputation and success.

Matt is currently a reservist with the US Navy and was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). He was in Baghdad and ran the review boards of those high value detainees known as the "Deck of Cards" - the most-wanted members of President Saddam Hussein's government, mostly high-ranking members of the Ba'ath Party or members of the Revolutionary Command Council.

After 6 years on active duty, Matt founded Military Divorce PC, a law firm dedicated to serving military service-members and spouses of service-members who need attorneys with first-hand knowledge of the military and military-specific, family law issues.

Congratulations Matt and Karen!!!

JAY REDMAN - 9 YEARS LATER

This past September 13th marked the ninth anniversary of when Comrade Jay Redman was severely wounded during a firefight in Iraq.

He was acting as the Assault Force Commander in a mission to capture a high-value Al-Qaeda operative when he was struck by eight rounds of machine gun fire including one that almost took one of his arms off and another that went through his face, entering his jaw and taking off his nose.

On this anniversary, Jay traveled to Cannon Air Force Base in New Mexico and spoke to the airmen of 16th Special Operations Squadron (SOS). Some of the airmen were on the very AC-130 Spectre gunship providing the supporting fire that saved Jay, firing 40 mm cannons within less than 10 meters of him to take out the enemy machine gunner who had him pinned down.



Jay Redman (right) accepting the signed AC-130 panel and 105 mm 'shell-mug'

After his presentation, Jay was presented with a panel off an AC-130 signed by several crew members of the 16th SOS along with a mug made out of a 105 mm shell casing, the largest round on the gunship.

As Jay wrote, "It has been an amazing journey with many ups and downs but it's rare I don't wake up thankful for the second chance I was given...Thank you to everyone who has helped and supported me over these last nine years. Here's to overcoming".

COMRADE'S SON WINS AWARD

Comrade Dave Girardin's son, David Jr., recently received a Community Service Award from the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce for his service in the Virginia Defense Force (VDF).

The VDF is an all-volunteer, formal military organization with the mission to assist the Virginia National Guard in performing state missions as specified by the Governor.

The VDF is the state's only military force that is independent of federal control. With units located throughout the state, at the direction of the Department of Military Affairs, the VDF can move into a stricken area quickly, interact with and assist local authorities and restore



Dauids Jr and Sr. 1st & 2nd from left. at the Awards Banauet

community integrity as soon as possible. Working during blizzards, hurricanes, tornadoes, and other disasters, the VDF

volunteers are familiar faces working in nearby towns and cities bringing aid and comfort to their neighbors.

Congrats to both Davids!!

OTHER POST NEWS

- Post Surgeon **José Vazquez** attended the VFW National Convention in Charlotte, NC, July 17-19 and accepted the National Outstanding Service Post Award on behalf of Post 2894.



Comrade Vazquez, bottom right, at the National Convention

- Comrade **Jay Redman** traveled to Massachusetts on 28 August where he made a presentation at the Amherst College Athletic Leadership Conference. He flew home for one day and then traveled back to New England on 30 August where he spoke at Southern New Hampshire University's Concerned Veterans for America forum, "Fixing Veterans Health Care."

- Past Commander **Carl Dozier** and wife **Jean** visited the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) over Labor Day Weekend to watch the new "Rats" take the oath and then charge across the New Market battlefield of 1864. They were there specifically to see their oldest grandson, Jake, join the class of 2020! Congratulations and good luck!

- **Comrade Dozier** also represented Chesapeake's Gold Star Families during the Patriot Day/9-11 Memorial Ceremony on 11 September. A large US flag that was draped over a beam from the World Trade Center was folded up and presented to Carl in memory of that tragic day and for all those who have perished since then in service to our country.

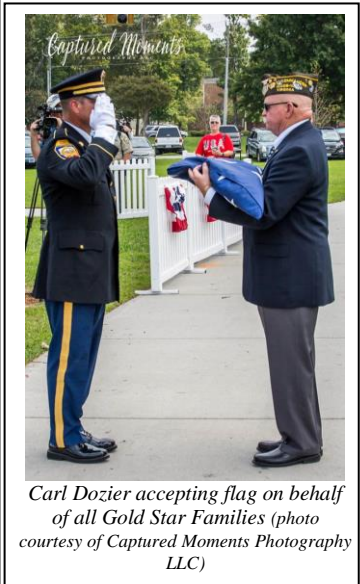
- Comrade **Mickey Casady** and his wife, **Shirley**, attended the 5th Annual USS Iowa Reunion in Warwick, Rhode Island, 17-21 August. Mickey was honored as the oldest living plankholder of the Iowa (he's 98!) and enjoyed a number of events at the reunion.



Mickey and Shirley Casady



Jake and Carl Dozier



Carl Dozier accepting flag on behalf of all Gold Star Families (photo courtesy of Captured Moments Photography LLC)

- Comrade **Ron Mayfield** participated in a three-day "Patriot Day" ride from Staunton, Virginia to Washington DC over the weekend of 9-11 Sep. Ron is an active member of "Warrior Ride" and used a hand-cycle to make the 165 mile trip in honor of the memory of those who lost their lives on 9-11.
- Commander **Mulholland** constructed a model of a "Wall of Valor" to bring around to the 20 assitive living and nursing centers in Chesapeake as part of a proposal to recognize their veterans. Cedar Manor has already signalled their desire to have a Wall of Valor placed in their facility. More news to come.



VOICE OF DEMOCRACY SCHOLARSHIPS

If you know of an eligible high schooler, please share this scholarship opportunity with him/her!

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 US 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 is November 1, 2017** and the theme is: **"My Responsibility To America."**

Once the student creates their essay and completes burning the audio version to a CD, he/she can submit the typed version, CD and 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 him/her!

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 is November 1, 2017** and the theme is: **"The America I Believe In."** 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
www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy



STREET ROD CAR SHOW

On 17 September, Post 2894 was invited as the food vendor at the Tidewater Street Rod Association's 23rd



Annual Charity Car Show in Smithfield. We sold hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks, making a profit of

almost \$550! Plus we got to look at some beautiful cars and enjoy a gorgeous day in the sun. Thanks to all who



came out to help!

+ OCTOBER SAFETY CORNER + Fire Prevention Week & Earthquake Awareness Month

Fire Prevention Week Fire - October 9-15, 2016

"Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years"

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly. SAFETY TIPS:

- Install smoke alarms inside and outside each bedroom and sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- There are two kinds of alarms. Ionization smoke alarms are quicker to warn about flaming fires. Photoelectric alarms are quicker to warn about smoldering fires. It is best to use both types of alarms in the home.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

October is Earthquake Awareness Month

While earthquake hazard varies from region to region most of the Southeast is prone to earthquakes. You could be anywhere when an earthquake strikes: at home, at work, at school or even on vacation.

Emergency management experts all agree that **"Drop, Cover, and Hold On"** is the appropriate action to reduce injury and death during earthquakes. You cannot tell from the initial shaking if an earthquake will suddenly become intense...so always Drop, Cover, and Hold On immediately!

- DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!),
- COVER your head and neck with your arms and seek shelter by getting under a sturdy desk or table if nearby; and
- HOLD ON to your shelter and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops. If there is no table or desk near you, drop to the ground and then if possible move to an inside corner of the room.

Get into a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move if necessary, and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms. Do not move to another location or outside. Earthquakes occur without any warning and may be so violent that you cannot run or crawl. You are more likely to be injured if you try to move around during strong shaking.

- If you have difficulty getting safely to the floor on your own, get as low as possible, protect your head and neck, and move away from windows or other items that can fall on you.
- In a wheelchair: Lock your wheels and remain seated until the shaking stops. Always protect your head and neck with your arms, a pillow, a book, or whatever is available.
- If you are in bed, hold on and stay there, protecting your head with a pillow. Broken glass on the floor has caused injury to those who have rolled to the floor or tried to get to doorways.
- In a high-rise: Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Avoid windows and other hazards. Do not use elevators. Do not be surprised if sprinkler systems or fire alarms activate.
- In a stadium or theater: Stay at your seat or drop to the floor between rows and protect your head and neck with your arms. Don't try to leave until the shaking stops.
- In a store: Drop Cover and Hold On. A shopping cart or getting inside clothing racks can provide some protection. If you must move to get away from heavy items on high shelves, drop to the ground first and crawl only the shortest distance necessary.
- Outdoors: Move to a clear area if you can safely do so; avoid power lines, trees, signs, buildings, vehicles, and other hazards.
- Driving: Pull over to the side of the road, stop, and set the parking brake. Avoid overpasses, bridges, power lines, signs and other hazards. Stay inside the vehicle until the shaking is over. If a power line falls on the car, stay inside until a trained person removes the wire.
- Near the shore: Drop, Cover, and Hold On until the shaking stops. If severe shaking lasts twenty seconds or more, immediately evacuate to higher ground as a tsunami might have been generated by the earthquake. Move inland two miles or more immediately. Don't wait for officials to issue a warning. Walk quickly, rather than drive, to avoid traffic, debris and other hazards.

✚ NOVEMBER SAFETY CORNER ✚ Nor'easter Month

Hurricane Season ends on 30 November, but don't put away your emergency kit – the Nor'easter season runs from November to April.

A Nor'easter is a storm along the East Coast of North America, so called because the winds typically come from the northeast. These storms may occur at any time of year but are most frequent and most violent between September and April. Some well know Nor'easters include the notorious Blizzard of 1888, the "Ash Wednesday" storm of March 1962, the New England Blizzard of February 1978, the March 1993 "Superstorm" and the recent Boston snowstorms of January and February 2015. Past Nor'easters have caused billions of dollars in damage, severe economic, transportation and human disruption, and in some cases, disastrous coastal flooding. Damage from the worst storms can exceed a billion dollars.

The East Coast provides an ideal breeding ground for Nor'easters. During winter, the polar jet stream transports cold Arctic air southward across the plains of Canada and the United States, then eastward toward the Atlantic Ocean where warm air from the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic tries to move northward. The warm waters of the Gulf Stream help keep the coastal waters relatively mild during the winter, which in turn helps warm the cold winter air over the water. This difference in temperature between the warm air over the water and cold Arctic air over the land is the fuel that feeds Nor'easters.

Check weather.gov for the latest forecasts and warnings. If a Nor'easter threatens, take steps to prepare, such as having three days of

food, water and other provisions in a disaster supplies kit. A Nor'easter can cut power and leave you in the dark. Also, sit down with your family and create an emergency communications plan so your loved ones know how to stay in touch if you are separated. Stay off the roads if advised by local authorities and never drive into flood waters. These simple actions will help you stay safe during a Nor'easter.

Checkout Our VFW Ready Facebook page for Preparedness Information and Local Hazardous Weather Information. Go to "VFW Ready".

WWI HISTORY, 100 YEARS AGO TODAY...

October 8, 1916 - German Air Force (**Luftstreikräfte**) is founded as various aerial groups are merged. German submarine "U-53" captures and destroys 5 ships outside Newport, Rhode Island.

October 10, 1916 - Romanian troops return home after being pushed out of Hungary by two Austro-German armies. Austro-German 9th Army then invades Romania and heads toward Bucharest.

October 24, 1916 - At Verdun, French under General Robert Nivelle, begin ambitious offensive designed to end German threat there by targeting Fort Douaumont and other German-occupied sites on east bank of Meuse River. Attack is preceded by heaviest artillery bombardment to-date by French. Additionally, French infantry use effective new tactic in which they slowly advance in stages, step-by-step behind encroaching waves of artillery fire. Using creeping barrage tactic, they seize Fort Douaumont, then take Fort Vaux further east, 9 days later.

November 4, 1916 - Sherif of Mecca coronated as "King of Arabs."

November 7, 1916 - American voters re-elect President Woodrow Wilson who campaigned on slogan, "He kept us out of war."

November 13, 1916 - British troops stage surprise attack in Battle of Ancre and capture towns of Beaumont Hamel and Beaucourt at northern end of Somme Front.

November 15, 1916 - British advance into Sinai.

November 18, 1916 - Battle of Somme ends upon first snowfall as British and French decide to cease offensive. By now, Germans have been pushed back just a few miles along entire 15-mile front, but major breakthrough Allies had planned never occurred. Both sides each suffered over 600,000 casualties during 5-month battle. Among injured German soldiers is Corporal Adolf Hitler, wounded by shrapnel.

November 20, 1916 - Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary dies at age 86. He is succeeded by Archduke Charles (Karl) who wants to take Austria-Hungary out of the war.

[\[www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/firstworldwar/index-1916.html\]](http://www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/firstworldwar/index-1916.html)

[\[www.greatwar.co.uk/timeline/ww1-events-1916.htm\]](http://www.greatwar.co.uk/timeline/ww1-events-1916.htm)

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:

- **Budget Committee:** José Vazquez, Mark Rios, Mike Kust, Mark Junghans, Chris Mulholland, and Carl Dozier.
- **Awards Committee:** Gary Dunbar, Mark Rios, José Vazquez, Matt Schweers, Mark Junghans, and Chris Mulholland
- **Membership Committee:** José Vazquez, John Guill, Mark Rios, Mark Junghans, Gary Dunbar, and Chris Mulholland
- **Building Committee:** Carl Dozier and Gary Dunbar
- **Visiting Committee:** Chaplain Mark Junghans
- **Health Committee:** Surgeon Jose Vazquez

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CONSIDER A LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

61-70	\$ 290	\$ 26.36
71-80	\$ 225	\$ 20.45
81 & over	\$ 170	\$ 15.45

<http://www.vfw.org/Join/Dues-Structure>

Life Memberships can be paid online at www.vfw.org, via mail, or in-person at the meetings.

OCTOBER MILITARY HISTORY

Every year, we have members who forget to renew their annual memberships. They then become ineligible to hold office in the Post and have to scramble to renew their status.

If you are approaching the end of your annual membership, please renew ASAP! And consider upgrading to a Life Membership. As a Life Member you will:

- Avoid annual dues and renewals.
- Maintain your membership in any Post you choose, worldwide!
- Never pay an increase in dues — Guaranteed!
- Receive a 10% discount on exclusive VFW Store merchandise for the first year.

You can become a VFW Life Member by making a one-time payment as describe in the Quartermaster’s Desk below. You can also pay for your Life Membership through an installment plan, with an initial \$45 payment, with the Life Membership amount billed over an 11-month period as shown in the table below.

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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.

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1-800-313-4200, help@vfnationalhome.org

QUARTERMASTER DESK

**Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$30 IF you go
through the OM – if you go through
National you’ll pay \$40.50!**

Annual dues can be paid via mail (see our new address on front of newsletter) or to the Quartermaster at one of our meetings.

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You can become a VFW Life Member by paying a one-time fee as listed in the table below, or making an initial \$45 payment and then paying the remainder over an 11-month installment plan. You will be issued an annual membership card and can elect, upon receipt of the first monthly invoice, to pay via check, credit card or ACH Debit. The applicable Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant’s age on Dec. 31 of the installment plan year in which the application is submitted, regardless of actual date of birth. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon completion of this agreement.



Age	One-Time Payment	Installment Payment
18-30	\$ 425	\$ 38.64
31-40	\$ 410	\$ 37.27
41-50	\$ 375	\$ 34.09
51-60	\$ 335	\$ 30.45

- 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 Ryukyu Islands
- 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 K1c. 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
- 20** 1944 MacArthur returns to Philippines at Leyte, with 200,000 troops
- 1944 US First Army secures Aachen
- 21** 1797 USS 'Constitution' - 'Old Ironsides' - is launched at Boston
- 22** 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
- 23** 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
- 24** 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
- 25** 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
- 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 Chillicothe, Ohio, George Rodgers Clark defeats Indians and Tories; final battle of Revolutionary War.
- 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
- 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

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.

- 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

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 cdpost2894@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.

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

Semper fidelis, - Chris Mulholland

POST 2894 CALENDAR

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
1	Montero Veterans' Health Fair
5	Sheriff's Great American Food Fest
10	Columbus Day
11	Yom Kippur begins
12	Post Meeting, 1900
13	US Navy Birthday (1775)
23	Beirut Bombing Remembrance Day (1983)
27	Navy Day
31	Quarterly Audit due to Department
31	Halloween

<u>NOVEMBER</u>	
1	Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy nominations due to Post
2	"President's Own" Concert, WB HS, 1600
5-6	Veterans' Day Buddy Poppy Drive Greenbrier WalMart
6	Daylight Savings Ends (back 1 hour)
8	Election Day
9	Post Meeting, 1900
10	Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
11	1100 – Veterans' Day Ceremony, City Hall
12	District 2 meeting, Post 3160 Norfolk (turn in VOD & PP nominations)
24	Thanksgiving

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- General admission / no reserved seating
- Ticket holders must be seated by 3:45p.m.
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