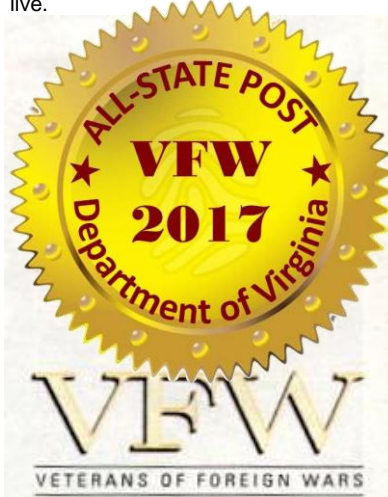


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- TO ENSURE THE NATIONAL SECURITY through maximum military strength
- TO ASSIST THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS and the dependents of disabled and needy veterans.
- TO SPEED THE REHABILITATION of the nation's disabled and needy veterans.
- TO PROMOTE AMERICANISM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



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25 June 1917 – First U.S. Troops Arrive in France!

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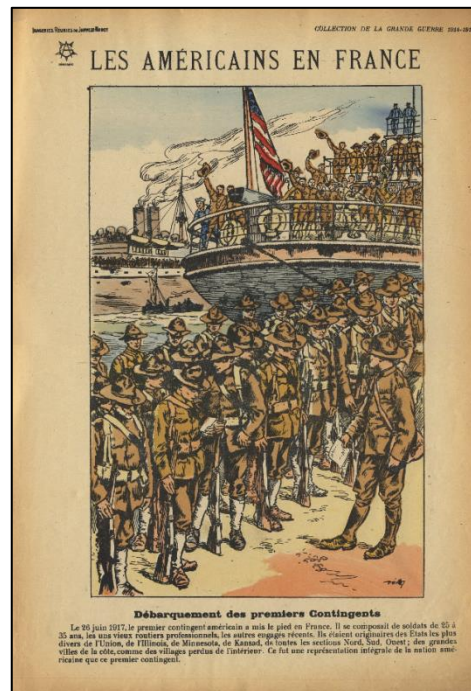
During World War I, the first 14,000 U.S. infantry troops landed in France at the port of Saint Nazaire. The landing site had been kept secret because of the menace of German submarines, but by the time the Americans had lined up to take their first salute on French soil, an enthusiastic crowd had gathered to welcome them. However, the “Doughboys,” as the British referred to the green American troops, were untrained, ill-equipped, and far from ready for the difficulties of fighting along the Western Front.

One of U.S. General John J. Pershing’s first duties as commander of the American Expeditionary Force was to set up training camps in France and establish communication and supply

networks. Four months later, on October 21, the first Americans entered combat when units from the U.S. Army’s First Division were assigned to Allied trenches in the Luneville sector near Nancy, France. Each American unit was attached to a corresponding French unit. Two days later, Corporal Robert Bralet of the Sixth Artillery became the first U.S. soldier to fire a shot in the war when he discharged a French 75mm gun into a German trench a half mile away. On November 2, Corporal James Gresham and Privates Thomas Enright and Merle Hay of the 16th Infantry became the first American soldiers to die when Germans raided their trenches near Bathelemont, France.

After four years of bloody stalemate along the Western Front, the entrance of America’s well-supplied forces into the conflict was a major turning point in the war. When the war finally ended on November 11, 1918, more than two

million American soldiers had served on the battlefields of Western Europe, and more than 50,000 of these men had lost their lives. [You can watch a video of the landing at www.britishpathe.com/video/american-troops-land-in-france]



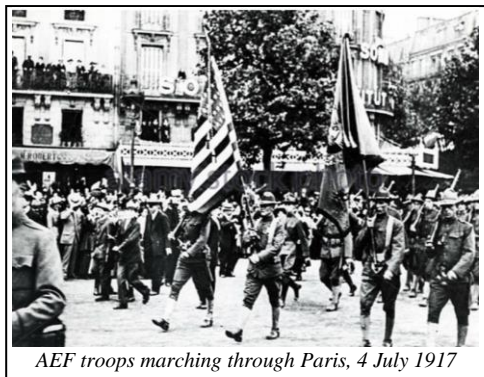
The following excerpt comes from the book, “*American Patriots’ Almanac*” by Bill Bennett and John Cribb:

The United States had been reluctant to enter the Great War. Many Americans viewed it as a European fight of which they wanted no part. President Woodrow Wilson had won reelection in 1916 on the slogan “He kept us out of war.” But German aggression, including U-boat strikes against American cargo ships, gradually changed public opinion. Wilson realized the country could not avoid a conflict that was engulfing much of the world.

As U.S. troops landed in France, Americans were mindful of an old debt owed that nation. France had been the colonists’ most important ally during the Revolutionary War. The Marquis de Lafayette had fought beside Patriot soldiers, equipping some of them at his own expense. He won the affection of George Washington and became a hero to the young nation. Urged on by Lafayette, France had sent ships, troops, and arms that played a key role in the Patriots’ victory.

In early July [actually, the 4th] 1917, the newly arrived American Expeditionary Force troops

marched under the Arc de Triomphe, cheered by the people of Paris. In a ceremony at Lafayette’s tomb, where the Frenchman lies buried under dirt



AEF troops marching through Paris, 4 July 1917

from Bunker Hill, an American officer lay down a wreath of pink and white roses. Another officer stepped forward, snapped a salute, and declared: “**Lafayette, we are here!**”

U.S. troops went on to help turn the tide of World War I in favor of France and the Allies. The words “Lafayette, we are here” are still a good reminder of the need to stand fast with allies when tyranny threatens.

6th ANNUAL BATAAN DEATH MARCH MEMORIAL WALK

Post 2894 held our biggest event of the year, the 75th Anniversary of the Bataan Death March, on 25 April. This annual event honors and remembers the thousands of American and Filipino service members who died and suffered during the atrocity known as the Bataan Death March.

This was our sixth annual BDM Memorial Walk and the largest to date! We teamed up with Fil-Am Racing (<http://filamracing.com>), the race production arm of Filipino-American Triathlon Club. Fil-Am Racing organizes fun events targeting the Filipino-American community, inclusive of all fitness levels, while also welcoming anyone who wishes to participate.



José Vazquez, BDM Master of Ceremonies, addresses the crowd

They organized a 16.6 mile run in conjunction with the memorial walk and signed up over 220 runners! Meanwhile, we also had over 800 walkers come out to participate in one of the three events (1, 5 or 16.6 miles).

Three local JROTC units participated in the walk and their enthusiasm was infectious with everyone. The Dismal Swamp Park was, well, ‘swamped’! And everyone had a great time.

Many of the participants had family ties to the event of 75 years ago in the Philippines. Although we were unable to get any actual veterans of Bataan or Corregidor this year (last year’s VIP, Dan Crowley, was planning to come but had last minute medical issues), we did have three local WWII heroes on hand – all of them members of the Post!

• Mickey Casady (a plankholder of the USS Iowa who joined the Navy in 1937 and served in the Atlantic,

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Mickey Casady (sunglasses) shakes hands with an admirer. Sitting with him are Jan Thompson, Phil Marlowe (red cap) and Eddie Vinceck (coat and tie)

Mediterranean AND the Pacific during the war!),

- Eddie Vincek (a Marine who landed on Iwo Jima), and
- Phil Marlowe (a Marine who landed on Tarawa and was one of the first Americans at Nagasaki after VJ Day).

All three graciously volunteered their time to talk to anyone who wanted to hear first-hand stories about service in

the war. We also had 89 volunteers on hand including a group of young Marines from Northwest Security Group who fell all over themselves trying to get pictures with heroes from Iwo Jima and Tarawa.

Mayor Alan Krasnoff and City Council Member Debbie Ritter were present again this year, helping to keep everyone entertained.

A number of significant donors including Navy Federal Credit Union (NFCU), Gontarek Eye Care (Scott Gontarek even came out as a volunteer and had a lot of fun!), Wolcott Rivers Gates Law Firm, Jo-Kell Industrial Automation, Priority Toyota, GW Brothers Insurance, National Walmart, and Michael & Christine Milligan, provided generous donations without which we could not have pulled off this successful event.

In conjunction with this year's BDM, we also held a raffle for a Henry 44 Magnum Big Boy rifle that ran from February until the walk. This was a great fundraiser and we all owe Comrade Mark Junghans thanks for coming up with the concept and contacting Henry Arms. The winner of the raffle was Wayne Sweeney, a Firefighter from Chesapeake, and he was presented with his rifle at



Wayne Sweeney (ctr) is presented with his Big Boy by Commander Mulholland as the firearms manager of Dick's looks on

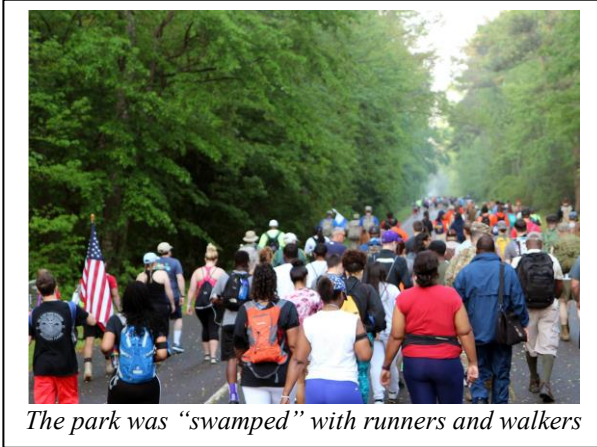
Department, the Chesapeake Fire and Police Departments, Marine Corps Security Force Regiment

Training Company, US Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) NCO Academy, and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Greg Dunbar from Net Gear set up cameras along the route and purchased tables for the Post when he learned that we were short.

The Tidewater Vintage Military Vehicles Association set up a display of some of their rolling stock which was enjoyed by everyone.

This year's guest speaker was Jan Thompson, the founding President of the American Defenders of Bataan &

Corregidor Memorial Society. Her father was surrendered on Corregidor in 1942 and spent the next 3-1/2 years as a POW. Jan is also a film maker and has produced three movies about the experiences of the POWs. Her latest film, *Survival Through Art*, was recently screened at the Douglas MacArthur



The park was "swamped" with runners and walkers



And they're off!

Memorial Museum in Norfolk and is narrated by Alec Baldwin.

The male winner of the 16.6 mile race was Josh Andres, a 31-year old active duty Sailor who finished in 1:52:49. The female winner was 46-year old Kelle Motsko in 2:15:13.

A large measure of thanks goes to the BDM Committee who have been planning this event for the past 8 months: Matt and Grace Schweers, Carl Dozier, Mark Junghans, and José Vazquez. Also to Matt Hostetlar who was our "hot dog man"! However, the largest thanks and appreciation goes to the head of this committee, Ann Jones, whose vision, planning, and coordination were truly the GREATEST reasons for this year's success!

And finally, thanks to all who helped out in whatever way they could to make this the largest and most successful event to date!

COMMANDER'S CORNER

This past April and May were busy, busy, BUSY months for the Post! Between the 6th Bataan Death March Memorial Walk, our Annual Awards Ceremony Blue Star Memorial Highway Dedication, Buddy Poppy drives, and Memorial Day ceremonies at St. Brides Correctional Center and Chesapeake City Hall, we barely had time to breathe!

Oh! But we did manage to have our Teacher of the Year, Kathy Doren, win State Teacher of the Year – the third year in a row for a teacher from Chesapeake!!! And one of our Scouts of the Year Brendan Switts, finished runner-up at District!

I also just found out that *our Post was again named an ALL STATE POST for 2016-17! That's the second year in a row!* And we're in great shape for another ALL AMERICAN POST nomination! Thanks to all of you for making these things happen!

I think our success also derives from our first priority being about 'Service to Others'. We're not your father's VFW. With 36,000 veterans in Chesapeake (5th largest in Virginia), we have room to grow!!!

Our new officers will be installed at our 14 June meeting – come on out and help kick-start another great year! We'll retire to a nearby "pub" afterwards to celebrate and share our camaraderie. Ask a veteran friend to join you as a potential new member.

You've only got a few more weeks to buy one of the raffle tickets offered by **Bass Pro Shops** for 50 items worth over \$13,000. For every \$5 ticket sold, the post receives \$1. See me if you're interested. *The flier is in the back of this newsletter.*

We are planning on marching in the South Norfolk 4th of July parade. **Check our Facebook page for more details on this and a lot more!**

Finally, please remember the family of MSgt Strout, USMC(ret) as they deal with their loss. Rest in Peace Marine.

Semper Fidelis, *Chris Mulholland, Commander*



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone. The Auxiliary held their Installation on May 10, 2017 @ 6:30. Thanks to all who agreed to hold an office.

Sandy Dunbar, President; Christina Zinn, Sr. Vice President; Bea Oakley, Jr. Vice President; Barbara Mulholland, Secretary; Donna Kust, Treasurer; Dianne Hostetlar, Chaplain; Grace Schweers, Conductress; Becky Junghans, Guard and Shirley Cassidy, Patriotic Instructor.

District 2 will hold elections and Installation on May 20, 2017, Lunch at noon and the meeting will start at 1:00 p.m.



The Department VFW Auxiliary will hold their Convention in Williamsburg on June 14-18, 2017.

The National VFW Auxiliary will hold their Convention on July 22-26, 2017 in New Orleans. The National President will be from Virginia, Dee Guillory. In the fall there will be a celebration in honor of Dee in Williamsburg. More information will be forthcoming.

Wishing a fun and safe Summer to everyone. Remember the Vets and Thank our Veterans.

Thanks, *Sandy Dunbar, President*

2017-'18 POST OFFICERS

The following officers were elected at the 12 April meeting for the 2017-18 year. We appreciate everyone's participation in the vote since these are the comrades who will keep the post "on an even keel" and be responsible for all the upcoming activities and finances. The installation ceremony will take place at the 14 June Post meeting.

ELECTED OFFICERS	
Commander	Chris Mulholland
Senior Vice Cdr	Jose Vazquez
Junior Vice Cdr	Ted Roberts
Quartermaster	Mike Kust
Chaplain	Mark Junghans
1 st Year Trustee	Mickey Casady
2 nd Year Trustee	Brad Waters
3 rd Year Trustee	Carl Dozier
APPOINTED OFFICERS	
Judge Advocate	Matt Hamel
Surgeon	Bob Gregory
Adjutant	Matt Hostetlar
Service Officer	Gary Dunbar
Guard	Ron Mayfield

2017 POST AWARDS NIGHT – ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

The Post hosted our Annual Awards Ceremony on 10 May. In attendance were a number of special guests including Mayor Alan Krasnoff, State Delegate Chris Jones, Comrade Joel Reyes of Post 3160 and Senior Vice Commander of District 2, Fire Chief Edmund Elliott, Captain Kevin Kight of the Sheriff's Office, and School Board Member Lou Tayon. Mayor Krasnoff and Delegate Jones were invited to be guest presenters

of the Post awards during the ceremony.

The first award of the evening was the Patriot's Pen winner. Each year more than 130,000 students in grades 6 through 8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. The contest encourages young people to examine America's history, along with their own



Josephine receiving her certificate from Commander Mulholland while her parents look on.

experiences in modern society, by drafting a 300 to 400-word essay, expressing their views on different themes, this year's being, "The America I Believe In." Next year's theme is, "America's Gift to my Generation." The winner of Post 2894's Patriots' Pen for 2016-17 was Josephine McKlveen, an 8th grader at Great Bridge Middle School whose parents are Jane and Mike. In her essay, Josephine wrote, "The America I believe in is the America that helps citizens all over the world no matter their race or religious beliefs...The America I believe in is the America that lets people express the ideas that they have about how our country should be run... The America I believe in is the America that learns to accept to what is best for the entire country and not just for a single person. If we think about the interests of others and the country as a whole then things can only improve." Josephine was also selected as the 3rd place winner for the District contest.

The Voice of Democracy Award is VFW's premier scholarship program. Each year, nearly 40,000 high school students compete for more than 2.2 million dollars in scholarships and incentives. These scholarships range up to a national first place prize of \$30,000. The VFW established the program in 1947 to provide high school students the opportunity to express themselves in regards to democratic ideas and principles. Students compete by writing and recording an audio essay on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme was: "My Responsibility to America." Next year's theme is "American History: Our Hope for the Future." The winner of this year's Voice of Democracy contest for Post 2894 was Kayleigh Hamel, a freshman at Grassfield High School whose parents are Karen and Matt. In her essay she said, "As an American, my responsibilities to my country include continuing the legacy passed down by the generations that came before my own, honoring military veterans and personnel, and serving my country through future service and sacrifice... When my father first joined the Navy, following in his footsteps had never interested me or crossed my mind. I've always supported his efforts to defend our Constitution and freedoms but I had never wanted to pursue my own naval career. However, in my freshman year of high school (where students are already pressured to start thinking about careers), I now aspire to

follow in my father's footsteps and join the Navy as well. George W. Bush once said, 'Throughout the course of human history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain these core principles upon which our nation's freedoms depend.' All veterans, including the militiamen who served during the Revolutionary War, and the fallen who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, deserve to be honored, remembered, and praised and I hope to serve my country in the future just as the heroic men and women before me have." With dedication like this, Kayleigh was enthusiastically awarded our Post's Voice of Democracy award. She was also the runner-up at the District level.

For the first time ever, Post 2894 had two Scouts of the Year awards. Some of the VFW's earliest ties to the community involve youth groups and perhaps none are stronger or more lasting than the relationship between the VFW and America's scouting organizations. In fact, VFW's partnership with the Scouts of America dates back to 1915 when VFW Post 2100 helped to establish Boy Scout Troop 1 in Everett, Washington. Through the VFW's Scout of the Year program, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Venture Crew Scouts who display standout citizenship, patriotism and love of country have the opportunity to be rewarded with college scholarships of up to 5,000 dollars.

Christopher Henniker is a member of Boy Scout Troop 824 and a senior at Grassfield High School. His parents are Leigh and Eric. Chris is a true scholar-athlete: he is a 4 year member of the varsity swim team, and has been in the National Honor Society for the past 3 years. Chris has been with Boy Scouts since 2005. He is active in service projects, having helped repair homes in West Virginia and Pittsburgh, helped provide shelter for the

local homeless, and taught at a vacation bible school for younger children. However, the main reason that Chris is one of our Scouts of the Year is because of his Eagle Scout Service Project. He surveyed and cataloged the memorial bricks at Chesapeake's Veterans' Memorial in front of City Hall. He then developed the data so that it can be easily searched by anyone looking for specific names. The results of his work can be seen at the city website where you can enter a veteran's name and the information of where the find the brick, along with an actual photo of it. Eventually, the plan is to have Chris' information available via an on-site search system. From all the veterans here, thank you and congratulations, Chris, and good luck in your future.

Brendan Switts is a member of Boy Scout



Kayleigh receiving her medal and pin from Mayor Krasnoff (left) and Delegate Jones.



Chris shaking hands with Commander Mulholland while his father looks on.



Brendan being congratulated by Mayor Krasnoff and Delegate Jones.

Troop 6 and a senior at Hickory High School. His parents are Amy and Glenn, who happens to also be Brendan's Scoutmaster. Brendan carries a 4.3316 GPA and achieved an SAT score of 1440 and an ACT of 32! He has passed numerous AP examinations, is a member of the National Honor Society, and leads the Low Brass Section of the Hickory Marching Hawks band in his "free time". He has been actively involved in Scouting since 2005, including many leadership positions with the Order of the Arrow which is an elite group within an elite organization. His father is a retired Navy Flight Officer with multiple deployments and combat missions (we've got a VFW membership application ready for you!). Brendan was also selected as the runner-up at the District level.

Mrs. Kathy Doren from Greenbrier Middle School was our Teacher of the Year. This program recognizes teachers who promote a sense of national pride in their students. Every year, 7500 VFW posts around the country nominate teachers for awards at the elementary, middle and high school levels. In the past two years, our post winners have finished first in the nation and third runner-up – a truly incredible achievement! Craig Blackman of Indian River High School, won National high school teacher of the year in 2015 while Kimberly Hammers of

Grassfield High School finished 3rd runner-up last year. *There is no more important task than the development of an informed, effective, and responsible citizenry*; and that's what our Post nominee for Middle School Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Kathy Doren, did this year with her students – and does every year – teaching them what it means to be a free American citizen with all the rights and responsibilities that that entails. Mrs. Doren is known throughout the Chesapeake school system for her high energy, patriotism, and imagination. Almost on a monthly basis, she decorates the hallway outside the reading center with various patriotic themes and symbols. She is dedicated to her students, encouraging them to pay attention to local and national elections and issues. Every year, she organizes a school-wide reading project which involves reading a book and a whole variety of different enterprises like fund-raising, community assistance, etc. This past year's project was especially poignant because she introduced her students to a group of wounded warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan. The reading project revolved around Michael Murpungo's book, "*Shadow*" which tells the story of a young Afghan boy and his loyal dog who saves him. As a major part of the project, she invited local disabled servicemen and veterans to bring their service dogs and talk to the students. She also helped the students organize a fund raiser to help train dogs for veterans, which cost up to \$20,000 each. She also brought on board two local organizations, Citizen K9 Dog Training & Agility and Hero Kids Foundation to be a part of

the project. The project also had a direct effect on one of the students at Greenbrier MS, Parker Smith, who has a service dog. Through Kathy's project, the children learned that Brandon's dog, Patriot, is not a pet but a working dog and to not distract her from her job. Kathy takes her responsibility to develop the future leaders of our country as a serious duty. As Alexis de Toqueville pointed out, each new generation is a new people that must acquire the knowledge, learn the skills, and develop the dispositions or traits of private and public character that undergird a constitutional democracy. In addition to her work IN the classroom, Kathy does a lot of work OUT of the classroom. She not only 'talks the talk' about giving back to the community, she sets the example for her students by 'walking the walk.' She has made multiple trips to Haiti where she has helped rebuild a school for orphaned children and she is

an active member of her church where she consistently volunteers with different missions. What Kathy did this past year – introducing wounded warriors to the next generation of Americans so that they can appreciate what true and selfless service means – was extremely touching to each and every member of our Post. For her passion in teaching and interest in our future generations, Kathy Doren was also selected as the VFW's State Teacher of the Year – the third year in a row that a Chesapeake teacher has achieved this honor. Now she's in the running for a national award!

Our Deputy Sheriff of the Year was Deputy Alexander Jennings of the Chesapeake Sheriff's Department, however, he was out bicycling to Washington DC with Law Enforcement United to remember fallen officers and raise money for their families. Deputy Jennings is a "native son" of Chesapeake, having graduated from high school here in 2005. He has been with the

Department since the summer of 2010 and is currently assigned to the Civil Enforcement Division. Last year, Deputy Jennings was involved in a couple of incidents where his training, knowledge and quick reactions saved lives and helped protect the people of Chesapeake. In the spring, Deputy Jennings responded to

radio traffic about a burglary in progress. Upon arriving at the scene he spotted a suspicious vehicle leaving the area. When the vehicle refused to stop in accordance with his direction, Deputy Jennings chased it into a dead end street, forcing the suspects to abandon their car and flee on foot. Within a few minutes, additional law enforcement officers caught all three suspects, as well as recovering the stolen property and weapons. Deputy Jennings' dedication and commitment to the Department and the citizens of Chesapeake was amplified during this incident in which three armed and potentially dangerous suspects were apprehended and taken off the streets.



Kathy and Delegate Jones admire her 'crystal apple' teacher's trophy while Mayor Krasnoff looks on.



Sergeant Mercer (right) accepts the Deputy Sheriff of the Year award on behalf of Deputy Jennings.

A few months later, Deputy Jennings received a call about a citizen in distress at his home in the Deep Creek area of Chesapeake. He arrived to find an unconscious and unresponsive citizen and immediately began administering CPR before resorting to an Automated External Defibrillator to successfully revive the citizen. For his quick thinking and responsiveness, Deputy Jennings was awarded the Life Saving Medal by the Sheriff of Chesapeake. Congratulations for being our Post's Deputy of the Year.

Firefighter/Paramedic Waitzel Kelley was our Emergency Medical Technician of the Year who will be celebrating his 10 year anniversary with the department in June. He is the current chair of the Clinical Innovations Committee for CFD and has multiple commendations including a life saved. As one of his lieutenants wrote, "Both on the scene and in the station, Waitzel is a great communicator who possesses the gift of being able to make complex subjects understandable. In spite of these formidable gifts, he is a humble and approachable person who loves to share his knowledge with others... Under his guidance his students have been motivated to strive for and achieve exceptionally high standards in patient care... Waitzel has become one of the BEST providers our department has to offer...[he] exemplifies our mission as a department 'to dedicate ourselves, to protect and improve the citizens' quality of life, by providing responsive and caring service'... Another firefighter paramedic said, "In a profession where at times it is easy to become complacent, frustrated or jaded, Firefighter Paramedic Kelley maintains a positive attitude and has a real passion for the career in the fire service. He feels fortunate that he is able to be in the position to help others in their time of need." For his passionate concern for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Chesapeake, Firefighter/Paramedic Kelley was our Post EMT of the Year!

Our next award went to the Firefighter of the Year, Firefighter/EMT Korby Cattrell. Korby has been a member of the Chesapeake Fire Department since 2007 and he too, has multiple commendations including a life-saved. He is described as one who, "regularly puts the needs of others ahead of his own both in the station with other firefighters and on calls or in other interactions with the public. He is always looking for the chance to provide the "WOW" Factor during every interaction. He functions at a high level of efficiency that needs

no direction or supervision. Firefighter Cattrell is constantly leading and helping his fellow firefighters. This level of excellence is constant every shift." One of his lieutenants said, "It is my opinion that Firefighter Cattrell has shown what it truly means to be an exemplary Firefighter. He should be recognized for what he brings to the station, the citizens, his fellow firefighters, and the department." For his intense passion for the fire service and the department, Firefighter Cattrell was recognized as our Post Firefighter of the Year.

The next award was a very special one. We nominated our Post EMT of last year for a National VFW EMT of the Year award - and he won! The certificate reads: "VFW National



FF/PM Kelley shakes hands with Mayor Krasnoff while Delegate Jones and Waitzel's wife, Laura, look on.

Emergency Medical Technician award to Firefighter/ Paramedic David Brock. In recognition and utmost appreciation of his dedication and selfless service to the Chesapeake Fire Department. During David Brock's outstanding career, he has demonstrated a record of extraordinary and courageous service to the community and the nation. His exceptional dedication is illustrative of the esteemed core values and traditions of the profession of emergency responders, further evidenced by the high degree of admiration and respect from both his peers and the local public he serves. Firefighter/Paramedic Brock is truly a premier example of all EMTs and this honor reflects the

proudest ideals and values of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, signed by Brian Duffy, National Commander-in-Chief." In addition to the national award, Paramedic Brock received a plaque from the VFW's Department of Virginia as



Delegate Jones and FF/PM Brock admire the letter from VFW's National CINC.

"special recognition of exemplary service to humanity by administering emergency medical assistance".

Our last awards were for the Police Officers of the Year. Officers Heather Bishop and Konrad Kaufman were selected as our officers of the year. Unfortunately, neither of them could be at the awards ceremony. Officer Kaufman is currently at Army boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, having enlisted in the Army reserve. Officer Bishop was participating in the annual Law Enforcement United bike ride honoring fallen officers along with Deputy Sheriff Jennings. Just like many members of this post have done in deployments overseas, these two officers went to work in April 2016 hoping for a slow day but found themselves in a life-and-death situation before it ended. One morning, they were dispatched to serve an emergency custody order which is generally used to take a person into



FF/EMT Cattrell and his family share a laugh with Commander Mulholland.

or in other interactions with the public. He is always looking for the chance to provide the "WOW" Factor during every interaction. He functions at a high level of efficiency that needs

custody for a mental evaluation. When that person's mother opened the door and began talking with the officers, he came through the back door and shot at them, wounding his mother. Officer's Bishop and Kaufman performed at the highest possible level while under fire. During the entire incident they

consistently gave clear verbal commands and made it clear that even after being shot at, their intention was to provide the suspect with help and not to do him harm. Every action and

decision they made was done so under great duress and with extreme disregard for their own personal safety. Their actions saved not only their own lives, but the lives of two other adults and four children who were still inside the home. Officer's Bishop and Kaufman performed in a manner that brought great prestige and honor to themselves and the Chesapeake Police Department. The suspect opened fire on them again outside before he was mortally wounded. While veterans put their lives on the line in foreign lands, officers like Heather and Konrad put their lives on the line back here at home. For that, and for everything else that they have done during the entirety of their careers, we honored them as VFW Post 2894's Police Officers of the Year. We will be giving them their awards at another ceremony later this year.

Recently-elected Congressman Donald McEachin had intended to attend the ceremony but was called away at the last moment so he sent his District Re-presentative Elrod Burton who presented special certificates to all the awardees.

The next award was a special surprise to one of our comrades, Ron Mayfield. Senator Warner asked the Post to present him with a special letter of appreciation: "Dear Mr. Mayfield, I am pleased to extend my warmest congratulation to you upon winning the gold medal in

bowling, the silver medal in motorized slalom, and the bronze medal in power soccer at the 36th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. This achievement is indicative of your outstanding

athletic abilities and continuing efforts to improve your skills. Sports require tenacity and a never-ending will to succeed no matter the circumstances. Virginia is fortunate to have a citizen who demonstrates such a strong dedication to excellence. Today also provides an important opportunity to thank you for your service to our Nation. Serving in the United States military is a career that comes with the highest level of commitment. Your service helped to provide security and confidence to your fellow Americans. I commend you for your bravery and selflessness. I am very pleased to join with your family and friends in saluting your accomplishments and wishing you the very best in all of your future endeavors. Signed, Mark R. Warner, United States Senator"

The Post then presented a special plaque to Home Depot's veterans' project manager, Dave Jusino. The plaque was presented as a measure of the Post's appreciation for all that he has done and continues to do to support our disabled veterans and their widows and their families. The Post

found out about Home Depot's program for helping veterans and their families who are in need. When we met Dave back in 2014 he immediately offered us his full and complete attention. Since then, he has been responsible for over \$300,000 worth of projects in our immediate area. Home Depot recently announced that they were contributing \$400,000 to the veterans' housing project which will be built behind Chesapeake General Hospital. His efforts have been a large measure of our post's success.

Another plaque was presented to Lodge 9 of the Fraternal Order of Police, which has been generously hosting our VFW Post meetings for the past 3 years. The plaque was presented to Officer Mike Rushak, the Lodge President, as a measure of our Post's appreciation for all that the FOP has done and continues to do to in support of Post 2894 and all the veterans of Chesapeake. Mike then related a

heartfelt story about when he was part of a motorcycle detail which escorted the remains of SSG Jon Dozier from Norfolk Airport back to Chesapeake on a cold and rainy January in 2008. There wasn't a dry eye in the hall when he was done.

The last award for the night was the hanging of a streamer on the Post's colors for achieving a



All of the evening's awardees lined up for a photo op.



Home Depot's Dave Jusino gives some remarks after his awards presentation.



Congressional aide Elrod Burton hands out certificates from Representative McEachin.



Comrade Mayfield was definitely surprised and pleased with his letter from Senator Warner.



President Rushak of FOP telling a heartfelt story while Delegate Jones (lt) and Charlie Slocum of FOP (rt) look on.

membership increase of 108.75%. José Vazquez was given the honor of hanging the streamer as the Post's Recruiting Officer.

After the ceremony, everyone gathered for a reception of hors d'oeuvres and beverages while getting a chance to congratulate the awardees in person. Comrade Rich Johnson's wife made a cake which was both beautiful to look at and great to eat!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!

4th OF JULY PARADE, SOUTH NORFOLK

After last year's fun marching in the annual Independence Day Parade of South Norfolk, we have decided to do it again! This will be the 37th Independence Day Parade and will take place on 4 July with lineup at 0800 at the South Norfolk Baptist Church at 101 Chesapeake Avenue. The parade actually starts at 1000 and it's only a one mile. The parade finishes at Lakeside Park which, if you've never been there, includes a war memorial to all of the Gold Star Heroes of South Norfolk, Norfolk County and Chesapeake since WWI.

The parade will be followed with entertainment, food, games, paddleboat rides, children's crafts and family fun! The event is presented by the South Norfolk Civic League and Chesapeake Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Anyhow, come on out. It's a relaxing event. And let's have some fun!!!



Other Post News

• On 17 May, the Secretary of the Navy sent out the following All Navy message (ALNAV 032/17): "FY-18 NAVY RESERVE COMMANDER STAFF CORPS SELECTIONS. I am pleased to announce the following Staff Corps Officers on the reserve active-status list for permanent promotion to the grade of Commander: Judge Advocate General's Corps - Hamel Matthew Ryan" That's OUR Post Judge Advocate, Matt Hamel!



Congratulations Matt, Karen, and the whole family!



• Two of our Post officers received positions with District 2 at the district meeting on 20 May: Chris Mulholland was elected as the 2nd Year Trustee while Gary Dunbar was appointed as the District Service Officer.

Congratulations! (We think!)

• **Buddy Poppy Drive on Armed Forces Day weekend was a great success!** We collected over \$2,600 in two days! Thanks to all those who came out in support of this effort. Here's a photo of the Auxiliary members who were out collecting donations on Sunday, May 21st.



(From left) Becky Junghans, Bea Oakley, Christina Zinn and Sandy Dunbar

Blue Star Memorial Highway Dedication Ceremony

Two years ago, after the naming of the new bridge over the Elizabeth River as "Veterans Bridge", the question came up in a post meeting, 'what's the process for naming a Blue Star Highway?'

Commander Chris Mulholland did some research and found that the National Garden Clubs are responsible for the designation of "Blue Star Memorial Highways" so he contacted the local Tidewater Garden Club. He proposed



VFW Post 2894 members pose in front of memorial. From left: Matt Hamel, Chris Mulholland, Dave Weber, and José Vazquez.

that the new Route 17 from the Route 64 interchange down to the Carolina border be designated a Blue Star Memorial Highway.

In 2015, Commander Mulholland, Post JAG Matt Hamel (who was then the Chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Veteran Affairs), and the Tidewater Garden Club Blue Star Chairperson, spoke before City Council who immediately approved the concept and funded the installation of signs.

On 24 May 2017, the Blue Star Memorial Highway signs were officially dedicated in a ceremony hosted by the City of Chesapeake. One sign is just off Bainbridge Boulevard, north of Veterans Bridge. The other sign is located just north of the Carolina border.

Master Sergeant Phillip F. Strout, USMC (ret)

Chesapeake lost another hero in May.

On 15 May, the Post was contacted by the family of MSgt Phillip Strout, asking how they could have him join the VFW. Our response was, "He's a member now!" since our standing policy is to pay for the memberships of WWII veterans. Unfortunately for everyone, his failing health took a turn for the worse and he passed away on 25 May with his family by his side. The day before, a contingent of active duty Marines in full dress blues came to pay respects at his bedside in Chesapeake General Hospital. We all hope that he was aware of their support and fraternity.

Phillip Strout led an amazing life and was a poster Marine!

Phillip Fredrick Strout was born on 12 October 1920 in Webster, Massachusetts as the first of six children to Carl Phillip and Carmen M. Strout.

When Phillip was 18, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on 13 April 1939 at Recruiting Station (RS) Boston and was sent to Parris Island (PI), South Carolina.

In June 1939, after completing boot camp at PI, Phil was sent to "Sea School" in Virginia. The school was part of Marine Barracks, Norfolk Navy Yard (NNYd) in Portsmouth, Virginia. The school taught Marines about life and duties aboard a ship underway. Duties of Marines aboard ship consisted of serving as gun crews on anti-aircraft weapons, as orderlies and as security guards while at sea or when the ship was in port.

The following month, Phil was assigned to the Marine Detachment (MARDET) of the USS RANGER (CV-4) which was undergoing maintenance at NNYd. On the USMC Muster of July 1939 he is listed as a "Private" aboard the RANGER. The USS RANGER was first purpose-built aircraft carrier of the United States Navy. The carrier was able to carry 76 aircraft at the time. In the fall of 1939, she commenced Neutrality Patrol operations, operating out of Bermuda along the trade routes of the middle Atlantic and up the eastern seaboard up to Naval Station (NS) Argentia, Newfoundland. Phil also got to visit Brazil, Uruguay, and Argentina.

In September and October 1939, Phil was detached from the MARDET and attached to 'ship's company' to work as the "head orderly", working in 'officers' country' aboard the ship.

At the start of November, Phil was promoted to Private First Class (PFC).

During the month of June 1940, Phil was sent to the rifle ranges at Quantico, Virginia for annual qualification. He was back aboard the RANGER in July through October, when it pulled into Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Somehow, between all the times that he was at sea, Phil managed to meet a local girl from Norfolk named Mildred Louise Meek who was 3-1/2 years younger than he. On 7 April 1941, they were married in Elizabeth City, North Carolina and were happily married for the next 74 years before her death on 7 May 2015. They had the five children: Wade Elliot, Deborah Gail, Melissa Lynn, Cheryl Ann, and Brian Hamilton.

In July 1941, Phil was detached from the RANGER's MARDET and reassigned to "NAS" (Naval Air Station) as a "guard". After Japan attacked the US on 7 December 1941 the Marine Corps began to grow rapidly. By January 1942, Phil was assigned to Guard Company, MARBKS, Naval Operating Base (NOB), Norfolk. Three months later, Phil was promoted to "Sergeant" with First Guard Company.

By January 1943, Phil was the "NCOinC" (non-commissioned officer in charge) of "Drills and Instr" at Sea Base, Little Creek. Little Creek was established in July 1942 as the first base for amphibious training of US troops. Today, Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek is the largest base of its kind in the world.

By January 1944, Phil had been promoted once again, this time to "Gunnery Sergeant". It appears that he was deep-selected for both Sergeant and GySgt since there is no record of him as wearing Corporal or Staff Sergeant stripes.

He was also now at Camp Pendleton, California, helping to organize the newly formed 28th Marine Regiment (28th Marines) which was part of the 5th Marine Division. He was first assigned to Headquarters Company of the 5th MARDIV before joining the 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines (2/28) when it was activated in February 1944. Many of the battalion's personnel came from the recently deactivated 3rd and 4th Parachute Battalions.

By April of '44, Phil was a member of Company E ("Echo" Company) where he was again assigned as the "NCOinC Drills&Instn." In September of that year, the entire division was sailed for Hawaii to begin training for combat.

The following narrative comes from Wikipedia:

"The Second Battalion, 28th Marines (2/28 Marines) departed Hawaii in January 1945 and a month later were part of the initial invasion force in the Battle of Iwo Jima. The 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines landed at Beach Green 1 just northeast of the imposing Mount Suribachi [on 19 February 1945]. Their mission was part of the larger one



for the 28th Marine Regiment (28th Marines), which was to assault across the island cutting it in two and then assault and capture Mount Suribachi. On D-Day+1, in a cold rain, the 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines prepared to assault the mountain. The Second Battalion's commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Chandler Johnson, set the tone for the morning as he deployed his tired troops forward: 'It's going to be a hell of a day in a hell of a place to fight the damned war!'

"Early on the morning of February 23, 1945, four days after the initial landings, Lt. Col. Chandler ordered the E Company, 2/28 Marines commander to send a patrol from his company up Mount Suribachi to seize and occupy the summit. First Lieutenant Harold G. Schrier, E Company's executive officer, volunteered to take a 40-man patrol up Suribachi and raise the battalion's American flag on the top if he could to signal the mountaintop was captured. Staff Sergeant Louis R. Lowery, a *Leatherneck Magazine* photographer, accompanied the patrol. After a short fire fight on top, the 54"-by-28" flag was attached to a long section of a Japanese water pipe they found and raised by Schrier, his platoon sergeant, and another sergeant. Seeing the flag up caused loud cheering from the men below on the beaches and ships. Lowery took several photos of the patrol before and after the flag was raised (none are shown of the actual raising and planting of the flag) which were not published until 1947.

"The Marines determined about two hours later that the flag flying on Suribachi was too small to be easily seen north of Mount Suribachi where there was fighting going on with more fighting to occur in the days ahead. Lt. Col. Chandler sent a Marine officer from the battalion to get a large flag (he went on board LST 779 for a flag) and also ordered the battalion adjutant to get a flag. The adjutant sent one of his E Company runners to get a flag who returned with one from a ship docked at shore. A squad leader from E Company was ordered to take three of his men up Mount Suribachi to raise the replacement flag which the runner took up ahead of them with orders for Lt. Schrier to have it raised and the first flag sent down with him (runner). Joe Rosenthal, an Associated Press photographer who had just come ashore, headed towards Mount Suribachi and ascended the mountain with two Marine photographers at this time. It is the photo of the second flag raising by Rosenthal that became the iconic photo of the battle."

Standing next to Joe Rosenthal on top of Suribachi – and holding his jacket while the photo was being taken – was Gunnery Sergeant Phillip Strout.

Continuing from Wikipedia: "Following the taking of Mount Suribachi, the 2nd Battalion, 28th Marines were allowed a few

days rest and then returned to fighting on the northern side of Mount Suribachi and the island on March 2 until Iwo Jima was declared secure on March 26, 1945 (the 5th Division left for Hawaii on March 27). After the fighting on Iwo Jima, the battalion returned to Camp Tarawa, Hawaii to rest and refit and begin training for the planned invasion of Japan. The Japanese surrender saw the battalion take part in occupation duty near the city of Nagasaki."

Before 2/28 returned to the US in December 1945, Phil had already returned stateside in October and been transferred to "SepCo. MBNYd, Mare Island, Calif." (Separation Company, Marine Barracks Navy Yard).

It appears that after leaving active service, he continued as a Marine Reservist as he is listed in a January 1950 muster as assigned to "Hq 5Th Res District" (Headquarters, 5th Reserve District) in "Washington Dc...Quantico".

In September 1950, Phil returned to active duty but, because of the draw down of forces after the end of WWII, Phil had to reenlist as a Technical Sergeant instead of a GySgt. In a 17 October 1950 muster report, he is shown as being assigned to "HqCo 2dArmAmphBn FMF" (Headquarters Company, 2nd

Armored Amphibious Battalion, Fleet Marine Force) at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He also acquired a new MOS (military occupational specialty) as an 1836 (Assault Amphibious Vehicle (AAV) Marine). By the following year, he was promoted to Master Sergeant.

He fought in the Korean War and his daughter stated that, "He never stopped grieving the deaths of the boys he had to leave behind in Korea."

In October 1956, Phil returned to Parris Island, this time to attend Recruiting School before being assigned to 4th

Recruiting District, specifically the Recruiting Station (RS) in Philadelphia.

Phil was honorably retired as a Master Sergeant.

During his career he had earned the following awards: Presidential Unit Citation (PUC) with star (in lieu of 2nd award), Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal w/2 silver stars, American Defense Service Medal (w/"A" device for duty in actual or potential belligerent contact with Axis Powers in Atlantic, Jun 22-Dec 7, 1941), American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal w/star, WWII Victory Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal w/3 stars, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Korea PUC, Marine Corps Rifle Expert Badge w/multiple award clasp, and a Marine Corps Marksmanship Qualification Badge w/clasps indicating two types of weapons and levels of qualification.

He never talked to his family about his career or his experiences in combat. "He never would talk about his career with us," his daughter remembered. Amazingly, at one point in the Pacific, he was tent mates with Ira Hayes, the Pima Native American who was one of the six flag raisers on Suribachi and



whose likeness is on the iconic statue overlooking Washington DC.

Phillip's love of his life, his wife Mildred, passed away on 7 May 2015. He is survived by his children, Wade Elliot Strout, Deborah Gail Strout Jagers and husband Keith Jagers, Melissa Lynn Strout Kennedy and husband Clyde Kennedy III (Mac), Cheryl Ann Strout Harold and husband Coston Harold, and Brian Hamilton Strout and wife Donna Strout; his grandchildren, Michele Strout Ainseoe, Laura Jagers Walker, Lisa Leigh Jagers Bizardie, Robert Kennedy, Ashley Kennedy Turner, Elizabeth Kennedy Forehand, Madisen Strout, and Alayna Strout; her great grandchildren, Charles Walker, Robert Kennedy, Aubreigh Forehand, Sarah Forehand, and Daniel Forehand; and a number of other relatives and friends.

The Commandant of the Marine is sending the Strout family a personal letter of condolence for the loss of their patriarch. The arrangements for his funeral had not been made by the time this newsletter went to press but members will be informed as the details are finalized.

Rest in Peace, Master Sergeant Strout.

WWI History, 100 Years Ago Today...

June 7, 1917 – Tremendous underground explosion collapses German-held Messines Ridge south of Ypres in Belgium. Upon detonation, 10,000 Germans stationed on ridge vanish instantly. British then storm ridge forcing surviving Germans to withdraw to new defensive position further eastward. 250-foot-high ridge had given Germans commanding defensive position. British, Australian and Canadian tunnelers had worked for a year to dig mines and place 600 tons of explosives.

June 8, 1917 – MajGen Pershing arrives in England.

June 13, 1917 – MajGen Pershing arrives in France. London suffers highest civilian casualties of war as German planes bomb city, killing 158 and wounding 425. British react to new bombing campaign by forming home defense fighter squadrons and later conduct retaliatory bombing raids against Germany by British planes based in France.

June 18, 1917 – Admiral Sims, United States Navy, hoists flag at Queenstown, Ireland as acting CinC Irish Command.

June 25, 1917 – First American troops land in France.

July 1, 1917 – Russian troops begin Kerensky Offensive attempting to recapture city of Lemberg (Lvov) on Eastern Front. Germans lying in wait, fully aware of battle plans which have been leaked to them. Russians attack along 40-mile front but suffer from tactical problems including lack of artillery coordination, poor troop placement, and serious disunity within ranks reflecting divisive political situation back home. Whole offensive disintegrates within 5 days. Sensing they might break Russian Army, Germans launch furious counter-offensive and watch as Russian soldiers run away. In China, Manchu Emperor Hsuan-Fung is restored to the throne but abdicates one week later.

July 2, 1917 – First regular convoy of merchant ships sails from Hampton Roads, VA. Greece declares war on Central Powers, following abdication of pro-German King Constantine who is replaced by pro-Allied administration led by Prime Minister Venizelos. Greek soldiers now added to Allied ranks.

July 4, 1917 – Concerted attack by German submarines on US transports is defeated.

July 17, 1917 – Proclamation issued changing name of British Royal to Windsor, replacing the historic name of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

July 28, 1917 – Tank Corps formed in British Army.

July 31, 1917 – British attempt once more to break through German lines, this time by attacking positions east of Ypres, Belgium. However, Germans have vastly improved trench defenses including well-positioned artillery. British 5th Army succeeds in securing forward trench positions but further progress halted by heavy artillery barrages from German 4th Army and rainy weather. This starts 3rd Battle of Ypres which continues till 6 November.

[www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/firstworldwar/index-1917.html]

[www.greatwar.co.uk/timeline/ww1-events-1917.htm]

CHAPLAIN'S FOXHOLE

It's Not About Us, It's About Them!

(Banner inside the NYC Emergency Operations Center after 9/11)

On Humility:

William Beebe, the naturalist, used to tell this story about Teddy Roosevelt:

At Sagamore Hill, after an evening of talk, the two would go out on the lawn and search the skies for a certain spot of star-like light near the lower left-hand corner of the Great Square of Pegasus. Then Roosevelt would recite: "That is the Spiral Galaxy in Andromeda. It is as large as our Milky Way. It is one of a hundred million galaxies. It consists of one hundred billion suns, each larger than our sun."

Then Roosevelt would grin and say, "Now I think we are small enough! Let's go to bed."

Winston Churchill was once asked, "Doesn't it thrill you to know that every time you make a speech, the hall is packed to overflowing?"

"It's quite flattering," replied Sir Winston. "But whenever I feel that way, I always remember that if instead of making a political speech I was being hanged, the crowd would be twice as big."

- Norman McGowan, *My Years With Winston Churchill*, Souvenir Press, London

A Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable ministry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people, the multitude brought



hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endow with Thy spirit of wisdom those whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- President Thomas Jefferson, Washington D.C.,
March 4, 1801

SURGEON'S OFFICE
JUNE IS POST TRAUMATIC STRESS
DISORDER (PTSD) AWARENESS MONTH



The National Center for PTSD promotes awareness and effective treatments throughout the year. In 2014, the Senate designated the full month of June for National PTSD Awareness.

After a traumatic event, most people have painful memories. For many people, the effects of the event fade over time. But for others, the memories, thoughts and feelings don't go away – even months or years after the event is over. Mental health experts are not sure why some people develop PTSD and others do not. If stress reactions do not improve over time and they disrupt everyday life, it is important to seek help to determine if PTSD is present

The purpose of PTSD Awareness Month is to encourage everyone to raise public awareness of PTSD and effective treatments. We can all help those affected by PTSD.

What can cause PTSD?

Any experience that threatens your life or someone else's can cause PTSD. These types of events are sometimes called **trauma**. Types of traumatic events that can cause PTSD include:

- Combat and other military experiences
- Sexual or physical assault
- Learning about the violent or accidental death or injury of a loved one
- Child sexual or physical abuse
- Serious accidents, like a car wreck
- Natural disasters, like a fire, tornado, hurricane, flood, or earthquake
- Terrorist attacks

During this kind of event, you may not have any control over what's happening, and you may feel very afraid. Anyone who has gone through something like this can develop PTSD.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Going through a traumatic event is not rare. At least half of Americans have had a traumatic event in their lives. Of people who have had trauma, about 1 in 10 men and 2 in 10 women will develop PTSD.

There are some things that make it more likely you'll develop PTSD — for example, having very intense or long-lasting trauma, getting hurt, or having a strong reaction to the event

(like shaking, throwing up, or feeling distant from your surroundings).

It's also more common to develop PTSD after certain types of trauma, like combat and sexual assault. But there's no way to know for sure who will develop PTSD.

"I was awarded a Silver Star for bravery. You're not going to tell me I'm a coward. If somebody like me has PTSD, then anybody can have it."

— MAJ Joshua Brandon US Army (2002–present)

How do I know if I have PTSD?

The only way to know for sure is to talk to a mental health care provider. He will ask you about your trauma, your symptoms, and any other problems you have.

PTSD Screen

Sometimes things happen to people that are unusually or especially frightening, horrible, or traumatic. For example, a serious accident or fire, a physical or sexual assault or abuse, an earthquake or flood, a war, seeing someone be killed or seriously injured, or having a loved one die through homicide or suicide.

Have you ever experienced this kind of event?



If yes, please answer the questions below. **In the past month, have you:**

- Had nightmares about the event(s) or thought about the event(s) when you didn't want to?
- Tried hard not to think about the event(s) or went out of your way to avoid situations that reminded you of the event(s)?
- Been constantly on guard, watchful, or easily startled?
- Felt numb or detached from people, activities, or your surroundings?
- Felt guilty or unable to stop blaming yourself or others for the event(s) or any problems the event(s) may have caused?

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more of these questions, talk to a mental health care provider

to learn more about PTSD and PTSD treatment. Answering "yes" to 3 or more questions does not mean you have PTSD. Only a mental health care provider can tell you for sure.

What if the screening tool says I don't have PTSD?

You may still want to talk to a mental health care provider. If thoughts and feelings from the trauma are bothering you, treatment can help — whether or not you have PTSD.

Is it ever too late to get treatment for PTSD?

It's never too late. Treatment can help even if your trauma happened years ago. And treatment for PTSD has gotten much better over the years. If you tried treatment before and you're still having symptoms, it's a good idea to try again.

What if I don't feel ready for treatment?

It's normal to feel like you're not ready for treatment, or to come up with reasons why now isn't the right time — like you can't afford it or you're too busy. But not wanting to talk or think about the trauma can actually be a symptom of PTSD.

You may never feel truly ready to get help for PTSD — but if you're having symptoms, it's better to get treatment now than to wait. The sooner you get treatment, the sooner you can start to feel better.

Where can I go to get help?

If you're a Veteran, check with the VA about whether you can get treatment there. Visit

www.va.gov/directory/guide/PTSD.asp to find a VA PTSD program near you. If you're looking for care outside the VA, ask your doctor for a referral to a mental health care provider who specializes in PTSD treatment, or visit <https://findtreatment.samhsa.gov> to search for providers in your area. When choosing a mental health care provider, here are some important things to consider:

- Find a provider who uses PTSD treatments proven to work
- Find out what your insurance will cover
- Find someone who is a good fit for you

"My treatment has been a blessing to me and my family. It's hard to put into words just how you feel after you know that you can control your anger, and you can control your emotions."

— Bradley Seitz, US Marine Corps (2002–2005)

**➤ SAFETY CORNER ➤
JULY – HEAT AND DROUGHT PREPAREDNESS**

VFW Post 2894 is Encouraging Everyone to Know the Facts about Heat and Drought Know the Facts. Know How to Act. Heat and Drought Preparedness



VFW Jonathan Kilian Dozier Memorial Post 2894 is proud to join the Federal Emergency Management Agency VFW(FEMA) to promote heat and drought preparedness by spreading the word and encouraging Military members, Veterans, Retirees and their families and the rest of the community to learn the facts and taking steps now to prepare. VFW Post 2894 along with VFW District 2 are committed to being a leader for emergency preparedness.

This June, VFW Post 2894 joins with FEMA, the Ready Campaign, and *Prepareathon* in educating the membership as well as Military Members, Veterans, Retiree's and their families on heat and drought preparedness to ensure everyone is prepared for the summer heat. There were 45 heat-related deaths in 2015 and heat has the highest 10-year average at 113 fatalities.

During times of extreme heat, many areas may also experience periods of reduced rainfall or drought. As the

summer continues and temperatures rise, there may be an increased risk of drought in our region. If a drought should occur, it's important to know what measure to take to reduce the impact to yourself and property.

VFW Post 2894 will be raising awareness of how Military Members, Veterans, Retiree's and their families can take steps to decrease their risk to both heat and drought through providing daily tips and information on VFW Ready Facebook Page. VFW Post 2894 is committed to helping the Whole Community to prepare for both heat and drought emergencies.

More information on heat and drought can be found at VFW Ready: www.facebook.com/groups/1487774551511824

**➤ SAFETY CORNER ➤
JULY – BEACH AND LIGHTENING SAFETY**

Lightning Safety Tips

Lightning: What You Need to Know

- **NO PLACE** outside is safe when thunderstorms are in the area!!
- If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to strike you.
- When you hear thunder, *immediately* move to safe shelter: a substantial building with electricity or plumbing or an enclosed, metal-topped vehicle with windows up.
- Stay in safe shelter at least 30 minutes after you hear the last sound of thunder.
- **Indoor Lightning Safety**
- Stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity.
- Avoid plumbing, including sinks, baths and faucets.
- Stay away from windows and doors, and stay off porches.
- Do not lie on concrete floors, and do not lean against concrete walls.



Last Resort Outdoor Risk Reduction Tips

If you are caught outside *with no safe shelter anywhere nearby* the following actions *may* reduce your risk:

- Immediately get off elevated areas such as hills, mountain ridges or peaks
- Never lie flat on the ground
- Never shelter under an isolated tree
- Never use a cliff or rocky overhang for shelter
- Immediately get out and away from ponds, lakes and other bodies of water
- Stay away from objects that conduct electricity (barbed wire fences, power lines, windmills, etc.)

Beach Safety Tips

Know BEFORE you go in the water!

- Check the National Weather Service Surf Zone Forecast: Before you leave for the beach, check the official [surf zone forecasts](#) and/or [beach advisories and closings link](#). You also can ask your hotel or rental agency for local sources of weather and beach forecasts.

- Know How to Swim BEFORE You Venture In: Swimming in a pool is NOT the same as swimming at a surf beach with crashing waves, winds, and dangerous currents. Changing ocean currents and winds can quickly exhaust your energy and strength. You should be a strong swimmer before you go into the ocean, Great Lakes, or Gulf of Mexico. Many swimming programs now offer lessons in how to escape a rip current. According to the USLA, learning how to swim is the best defense against drowning.
- Know what the warning flags mean. Read the beach safety signs at the entrance to the beach. Once on the beach, look for beach warning flags, often posted on or near a lifeguard's stand. A green flag means water conditions are safe and other colors mean conditions are not safe. These flags are there to protect you. Please read and obey the posted beach signs and warning flags. Warning flags aren't used in all areas and their meaning can vary from area to area.



Actions to Take at the Beach to Protect You, Your Family and Others

Talk with the Lifeguard

You have arrived at the beach and the water looks inviting, but before you enter the water, ask yourself, is the water safe? Before jumping in make sure you are aware of the water's conditions. Know before you go into the water. Talk to the lifeguard or beach patrol, no one will know the current water conditions better than they will. They are trained to detect dangerous currents and waves and know other water conditions, such as the water temperature. This information could save your life. Annually, rip currents claim the lives of more than 100 people.

Know where the Life Ring or Floatation Device Stations are located

Know where the [life ring stations](#) are on the beach. These stations will have floatation devices, such as life rings which you throw to a victim to pull him or her back to shore or to keep the person afloat until rescue comes. If no station is nearby, you can throw an ice chest or anything else that floats to the swimmer caught in the current. If a rope is available from a nearby boat or other source, you can throw the victim a line to them to pull them in.

Always swim with one or more buddies and make sure the person on shore has a cell phone

According to the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA), many drownings involve single swimmers. When you swim with a buddy, if one of you has a problem, the other may be able to help, which includes signaling for assistance from others. At least have someone onshore watching you so if an emergency does happen they can for call help. www.usla.org

In case of an emergency, where the lifeguard is not present, call 911. If you go to the beach with at least four people, two

can be in the ocean swimming, one on the beach watching, and one available to take lifesaving actions while the other continues to spot the location of those caught in the rip current.

Actions you can take once you and your children are in the water

Always watch your children carefully, especially when they are playing near the edge of the ocean or in it. A sudden wave or current could quickly drag them through the surf out to the breaking waves. Remember, a child can drown in seconds.

Caution: The flat water located between breaking waves, which appears to be safe water for your children, is actually the rip current. It is a river flowing away from the beach out to the ocean stopping just beyond the breaking waves within the surf zone. Rip currents break down waves.

Learn more about Summer Hazards on our VFW Ready

Facebook page at:

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

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Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$30.00

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18-30	\$ 425	\$ 38.64
31-40	\$ 410	\$ 37.27
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51-60	\$ 335	\$ 30.45
61-70	\$ 290	\$ 26.36
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JUNE MILITARY HISTORY

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| <p>1 1774 British close Port of Boston in punishment for "Tea Party"</p> <p>1862 Battle of Seven Pines: Confederate Gen. Joe Johnston wounded, relinquishes command to Robert E. Lee</p> <p>1864 Battle of Cold Harbor, Day 1</p> <p>1866 Fenians attack Fort Erie, Ontario, from US soil</p> <p>1871 US Sailors & Marines land in Korea, to protect U.S. citizens</p> <p>1877 US troops authorized to pursue bandits & Indians into Mexico</p> <p>1914 SecNav Josephus Daniels' G.O. 99 bars alcohol in fleet</p> <p>1939 Director of Naval Research Laboratory, proposes research in atomic energy for use in subs</p> <p>1944 Allied forces begin covering much of Britain with smoke screens, as troops crowd assembly areas for D-Day</p> <p>2 Feast of St. Elmo, Patron of Sailors</p> <p>1774 Parliament passes Quartering Act, billeting troops in private homes</p> <p>1784 Congress disbands last elements of Continental Army, save for 100 troops guarding supplies at West Point and Ft. Pitt</p> <p>1865 Confederate Trans-Mississippi Department surrenders to Union forces</p> <p>1914 Glenn Curtiss flies his 'Langley Aerodrome'</p> <p>3 1784 Congress creates US Army, forming 1st American Regt (now 3rd Infantry) on a cadre of 100 troops left over from Continental Army</p> <p>1916 Congress establishes ROTC (based on Norwich Univ. program)</p> <p>1959 First US Air Force Academy graduation</p> <p>1965 First American "space walk", Maj. Edward White, Gemini 4</p> <p>4 1789 Constitution of United States goes into effect</p> <p>1918 US & French halt Germans at Chateau-Thierry</p> <p>1942 Battle of Midway: Japanese lose four CVs, USS Yorktown badly damaged</p> <p>1944 Allied forces liberate Rome</p> <p>5 1917 US begins draft registration: 10 million eventually sign up</p> <p>1944 First B-29 raid over Tokyo; one lost to engine failure</p> <p>1947 SecState George C Marshall outlines "Marshall Plan"</p> <p>1967 Six Day War begins between Israel & Arab neighbors</p> <p>6 1898 Marines land at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba</p> <p>1898 Action at Santiago, Cuba: US ships exchange fire with Spanish batteries</p> <p>1918 US Marines secure Belleau Wood</p> <p>1944 D-Day - www.strategypage.com/cic/docs/cic174b.asp#three</p> <p>1944 Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., earns Medal of Honor on Utah Beach</p> <p>1945 Okinawa: Marines capture Naha airfield</p> <p>7 1775 "United Colonies" change name to "United States"</p> <p>1912 US Army Air Service tests an airplane-mounted machine gun</p> <p>1917 Liverpool: first American troops reach Europe</p> <p>1942 Aleutians Campaign: Japanese troops land on Attu.</p> <p>1942 Midway Campaign: 'Yorktown' (CV-5) sunk</p> <p>8 1965 US troops ordered to fight offensively in Vietnam</p> <p>1967 Israeli air and naval forces attack USS 'Liberty' (AGTR-5), 34 Americans die</p> <p>9 1863 Battle of Brandy Station; largest cavalry fight of Civil War</p> <p>1944 Normandy: U.S. VII & V Corps link up to form continuous</p> | <p>beachhead</p> <p>1945 Luzon: Sixth Army manages to isolate Japanese forces.</p> <p>1945 Premier Kantaro Suzuki declares Japan will never surrender</p> <p>1959 First ballistic missile sub launched, USS 'George Washington' (SSBN-598)</p> <p>10 1776 Congress appoints committee to write a Declaration of Independence</p> <p>1801 Tripoli declares war on US, for refusing to pay protection, initiating First Barbary War (1801-1805)</p> <p>12 1987 Ronald Reagan says, "Mr. Gorbachov, tear down this wall."</p> <p>1999 NATO peacekeeping forces begin operating in Kosovo, Yugoslavia</p> <p>13 1900 Boxer Rebellion begins in China</p> <p>1912 First successful parachute jump from airplane, Capt Albert Berry, Jefferson, Ms</p> <p>14 1775 US Army formed from New England forces before Boston</p> <p>1777 Congress replaces "Grand Union Flag" with "Stars & Stripes"</p> <p>1777 John Paul Jones takes command of USS 'Ranger'</p> <p>1942 Bazooka goes into production at Bridgeport, Ct</p> <p>1949 State of Vietnam formed within 'French Union' under Emperor Bao Dai</p> <p>1982 Falklands: Argentines surrender to Britain; 74-day war ends</p> <p>1985 Lebanese Shiite gunmen hijack TWA 847 after takeoff from Athens</p> <p>15 1776 Americans burn and abandon Montreal</p> <p>1864 Battle of Petersburg: Grant's first assault</p> <p>1864 Robert E Lee's home, Arlington, becomes military cemetery</p> <p>1877 Henry O Flipper becomes first black cadet to graduate from West Point</p> <p>1944 US Marines land on Saipan</p> <p>1955 First nationwide civil defense drill - "Duck and Cover!"</p> <p>1978 Soyuz 29 carries two cosmonauts to Salyut 6, to stay 139 days</p> <p>1991 Mt Pinatubo, Philippines erupts, closes Clark Air Force Base</p> <p>16 1858 Lincoln says "A house divided against itself cannot stand"</p> <p>1864 Siege of Petersburg & Richmond begins</p> <p>17 1745 American colonials capture Louisburg, Cape Breton I., from French</p> <p>1775 Battle of Bunker Hill (Breeds' Hill)</p> <p>1777 19 year old Marquis de La Fayette (Marie-Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert du Motier) & several other French volunteers for American Revolution land at Charleston</p> <p>1898 Navy Hospital Corps ("Corpsmen") established</p> <p>1916 Pershing leads Punitive Expedition into Mexico in unsuccessful attempt to kill Pancho Villa</p> <p>1945 Final Japanese defensive line on Okinawa breached</p> <p>1965 Vietnam: First B-52 raid, 50 km north of Saigon</p> <p>1972 Watergate: Republican operatives break into Democratic Party offices at Watergate Hotel in Washington</p> <p>18 1778 British evacuate Philadelphia</p> <p>1812 US declares war against Britain</p> <p>1878 Congress creates US Life Saving Service ("Coast Guard")</p> <p>19 1778 Washington's troops leave Valley Forge</p> <p>1878 Congress passes Posse Comitatus Act, to prevent military from enforcing civil rights laws</p> <p>1944 "Marianas Turkey Shoot" - Battle of Philippine Sea: in 2 days Japanese lose 3 CVs, 426 a/c, US 70 a/c.</p> <p>1967 Muhammad Ali convicted of refusing induction into Army</p> <p>20 1675 Wampanoag Indians raid Swansea, Mass., initiating "King Philip's War" (1675-1676)</p> <p>1782 Congress adopts Great Seal of United States</p> |
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- 1813 War of 1812: US gunboats engage three British ships at Hampton Roads, VA
- 1867 US buys Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million
- 1941 US Army Air Corps is reorganized as Army Air Forces
- 1947 Cold War: Congress charters CIA
- 1963 Cold War: Washington-Moscow "hot line" established
- 21** 1876 Gen Terry sends Custer's 7th Cav to scout Little Bighorn River
- 1948 Berlin Airlift begins
- 22** 1938 Joe "Brown Bomber" Louis KO's Max "Hitler's Heavyweight" Schmeling at 2:04 into their rematch, in Yankee Stadium
- 1942 US introduces "V-Mail" for military personnel
- 1944 FDR signs "Servicemen's Readjustment Act", better known as "GI Bill of Rights"
- 1945 Okinawa secured: 110,000 Japanese troops, 100,000 civilians, 17,520 US troops died
- 23** 1938 Congress establishes US Maritime Service
- 25** 1864 Petersburg: Union troops begin a tunnel under Confederate lines
- 1876 Battle of Little Big Horn: Crazy Horse does in Custer
- 1942 Eisenhower takes command of US forces in Europe
- 1950 North Korea invades South Korea. claiming "self-defense"
- 1996 Dhahran, Saudi Arabia: Islamists bomb Khobar Towers, 19 Americans die, 500 Saudis & Americans injured
- 26** 1917 First American combat troops arrive in France
- 1924 US Marines leave Dominican Republic, after 8 years of occupation
- 1963 Berlin: Kennedy's "Ich bin ein Berliner" is wildly applauded
- 27** 1927 USMC adopts "Sgt Jiggs," an English bulldog, as its mascot
- 1950 US sends 35 military advisers to South Vietnam
- 28** 1948 Berlin Airlift begins
- 1965 President Johnson orders US ground forces to Vietnam
- 29** 1863 Lee orders his forces to concentrate near Gettysburg
- 1945 Operation Olympic: Truman sets invasion of Japan for Nov 1st
- 4** 1776 Independence Day: Two days after voting for independence, Continental Congress adopts formal "Declaration of Independence"
- 1777 John Paul Jones hoists Stars and Stripes on USS Ranger, Portsmouth, NH
- 1801 1st Presidential Review of Marine Band and Marines, at White House.
- 1802 US Military Academy opens at West Point
- 1818 Congress rules flag shall have 13 stripes and one star for each state
- 1832 Samuel Francis Smith's "America" sung in public for first time
- 1863 Vicksburg surrenders to US Grant
- 1942 First American bombing mission over Nazi-occupied Europe
- 1942 American Volunteer Group ("Flying Tigers") becomes 14th AF
- 1950 Carriers USS 'Valley Forge' (CV-45) & HMS 'Triumph' make first UN air strikes of Korean War
- 5** 1814 Battle of Chippewa: "Those are regulars, by God!"
- 1814 US Sloop-of-War 'Peacock' captures four British ships
- 1861 Skirmish at Newport News: US retakes Gosport Naval Base
- 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, Day 5: Lee retreats
- 6** 1777 Burgoyne's British & Hessians capture Fort Ticonderoga
- 1785 Congress introduces dollar
- 1911 First naval air station established, Annapolis, MD
- 1976 Women admitted to US Naval Academy for first time
- 7** 1846 Commo John D. Sloat takes Monterey, claims California for US
- 1920 USN aircraft tests "radio compass", Norfolk, Va
- 1941 Iceland: US Marines relieve British forces so they can fight elsewhere
- 1944 Saipan: Japanese troops make final "banzai" charge
- 1944 US B-29s from China attack Japan.
- 1966 Marines initiate "Operation Hasting" - to clear NVA from DMZ
- 8** 1853 Commodore Perry sails frigate Susquehanna into Tokyo Bay
- 1865 C.E. Barnes receives US patent for machine gun
- 1945 TF38 arrives off Japan with 20 carriers; to stay until war is over
- 1950 Douglas MacArthur named CinC UN forces in Korea
- 9** 1755 Braddock's Defeat: Battle of Monangahela - Daniel Boone is wagon driver
- 1776 Declaration of Independence read to Washington's troops in NY, whereupon citizens pull down George III's statue to make musket balls
- 1918 Congress establishes Distinguished Service Cross
- 1944 US secures Saipan: 3,200 US, 27,000 Japanese KIA, & many civilian suicides
- 10** 1821 US takes possession of Florida from Spain
- 1943 Operation Husky: US & Commonwealth forces invade Sicily
- 1953 American troops abandon Pork Chop Hill, Korea
- 11** 1786 US pays Morocco \$10,000 to "protect" merchant ships from piracy
- 1798 Congress reactivates USMC, disbanded in 1784
- 1812 US invades Canada near Detroit
- 1919 US Navy Pay Corps becomes Supply Corps
- 1943 USN surface ships break German-Italian tank attack at Gela, Sicily
- 1955 USAF Academy opens with 300 cadets at Lowry AFB, CO
- 12** 1942 U-Boat lands four German saboteurs on Long Island, soon captured
- 14** 1813 Lt John M. Gamble, becomes only US Marine to command a ship, prize 'Greenwich'
- 1825 Lafayette reviews 2nd Bn, 11th NY Arty (7th NY), which adopts name "National Guard"
- 1900 "China Relief Expedition" captures Tientsin from Boxers
- 1959 First nuclear powered cruiser commissioned, USS 'Long Beach' (CGN 9)

JULY MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, Day 1: Lee wins, but Union troops fall back on very strong position
- 1864 Battle of Petersburg (to July 31)
- 1867 Dominion of Canada formed
- 1870 James W Smith becomes first black man to enter West Point
- 1918 Marines secure Belleau Wood
- 1950 First US ground troops arrive in Korea
- 2** 1776 Continental Congress declares Thirteen Colonies independent
- 1777 Vermont abolishes slavery, first "state" to do so
- 1863 Battle of Gettysburg, Day 2: A draw
- 1903 US leases Guantanamo Bay from Cuba for \$2,000 a year
- 1926 Congress authorizes Distinguished Flying Cross
- 1942 JCS authorize "Operation Watchtower," seizure of Guadalcanal
- 1957 'Seawolf' (SSN 575) completed, first sub with liquid metal cooled reactor
- 3** 1754 Col. George Washington (22) surrenders Ft. Mifflin to French
- 1775 George Washington assumes command of Patriot forces investing Boston
- 1863 Battle Gettysburg, Day 3: "Pickett's Charge" is shattered
- 1950 First US-North Korean clash: TF Smith overrun
- 1988 USS 'Vincennes' (CG-49) accidentally shoots down Iranian airliner, 290 die

- 1972 Vietnam: Jane Fonda makes first of 10 broadcasts on Radio Hanoi.
- 15 1958 Marines land in Lebanon, to support government
- 16 1861 Bull Run Campaign: Gen McDowell advances from Washington toward Fairfax Courthouse
- 17 1927 USMC pilots conduct first combat dive bombing, Ocotol, Nicaragua.
- 18 1863 54th Mass. leads gallant attempt to storm Fort Wagner, near Charleston
 - 1914 US Army Air Service formed within Signal Corps
 - 1944 US troops capture St. Lo, Normandy
- 19 1812 1st Battle of Sackett's Harbor: Americans beat off British attack across Lake Erie
 - 1886 'Atlanta' commissioned, first USN steel cruiser
 - 1897 Lt Robert E. Peary departs on year-long Arctic Expedition
- 20 1881 Sioux leader Sitting Bull surrenders to federal troops
 - 1942 Congress creates Legion of Merit
 - 1942 First WAACs begin basic training
 - 1944 Marines land on Guam.
 - 1948 US reinstates draft, for Cold War
- 21 1823 Lt David G. Farragut leads raid to destroy pirate base in Cuba
 - 1861 First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas: Confederate Victory
 - 1930 Veterans' Administration established
 - 1969 Neil Armstrong's "small step" on moon - 2:56:15 AM GMT
- 22 1802 US Frigate 'Constellation' defeats 9 corsair gunboats off Tripoli
 - 1905 Remains of John Paul Jones removed from Paris for transportation to Annapolis
 - 1943 Patton captures Palermo
 - 1987 USN begins escorting re-flagged Kuwaiti tankers in Persian Gulf
- 23 1944 US forces land on Japanese-held Tinian from nearby Saipan
- 24 1948 Soviets initiate blockade of Berlin
 - 1969 Muhammad Ali convicted of refusing induction in US Army
- 25 1866 David G. Farragut appointed first Admiral in US Navy
 - 1866 US Grant is named first full general in US Army
 - 1947 US Army, Navy, & Air Force subordinated to new DoD
- 26 1948 Truman initiates integration of Armed Forces
- 27 1909 Orville Wright demonstrates plane for Army, flying 72 minutes
 - 1953 North Korea & UN sign armistice
 - 1954 Armistice divides Vietnam in two
 - 1995 Korean War Veterans Memorial dedicated in Washington
- 28 1898 Skirmish at Ponce, Puerto Rico, which shortly surrenders to US
- 28 1914 Austria-Hungary attacks Serbia, igniting WW I
 - 1931 Congress makes "Star-Spangled Banner" national anthem
 - 1932 Douglas MacArthur routs Bonus Army against orders
 - 1945 Kamikaze sink their last ship, USS 'Callaghan' (DD-792), off Okinawa.
 - 1945 US Army B-25 crashes into 79th floor of Empire State Bldg, 14 die
- 29 1949 Berlin Airlift ends, as Soviets end blockade
 - 1967 Fire aboard USS 'Forrestal' (CV-59), Gulf of Tonkin, 134 killed
- 30 1864 Petersburg Campaign: Battle of Crater
 - 1909 US Army accepts delivery of first military airplane
 - 1942 WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service) created
 - 1945 USS 'Indianapolis' (CA-35) torpedoed & sunk; nearly 900 die over next 4 days
 - 1966 US airplanes bomb demilitarized zone in Vietnam
- 31 1777 Marquis de Lafayette becomes major-general in Continental Army
 - 1813 British attack Plattsburgh, NY
 - 1925 Last Allied occupation forces leave Rhineland

FROM THE EDITOR

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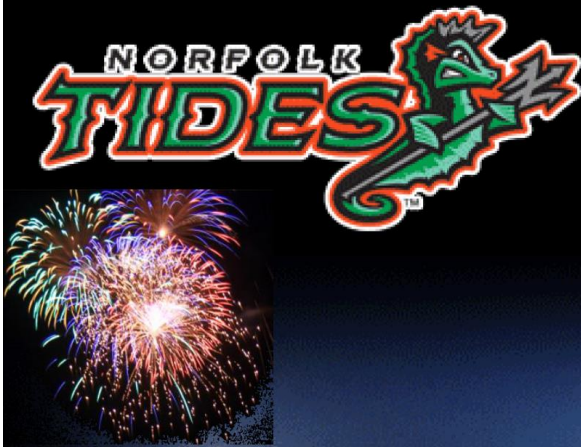
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

BASS PRO RAFFLE



Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia and Bass Pro Shops of Hampton Roads proudly announce a fifty (50) prize raffle with the winners being determined at the VFW State Convention in Williamsburg on June 18, 2016. The value of the 50 prizes is approximately \$20,000. As a winning ticket is drawn it will be placed back in the drum to have a chance at the remaining prizes. Tickets are \$5.00 each and available from your Post Commander or State Headquarters. All proceeds will be used to support Veterans Programs and Activities.

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4. QUANTUM BAITCASTER OUTFIT	29. BASS PRO CAMP KITCHEN
5. THUNDER HAWK XBO	30. \$500 BPS GIFT CARD
6. OA OCEANMASTER REEL W/B	31. ORVIS FLY OUTFIT
7. RUGER 10/22 .22 CAL	32. YETI TRUNDRA 45
8. FRONTIER REVOLVER .45 CAL LC	33. MASTERBUILT ELECT. SMOKER
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12. CHAR-BROIL PROPANE GRILL	37. PENN BATTLE II & OA BAG
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15. \$500 BPS GIFT CARD	40. \$500 BPS GIFT CARD
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17. RUGER MK111	42. BUSHMASTER .223MSR
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<u>JUNE</u>	
6	D-Day Anniversary (1944)
14	Post Meeting, 1900 – Officer Installation Army “Birthday” (1775) – Flag Day
15-18	VFW Dep’t of VA Convention, Wmsbg
18	Father’s Day
21	First Day of Summer
25	Start of Korean War (1950)
30	End of VFW Fraternal Year

<u>JULY</u>	
1	Start of VFW Fraternal Year
2	US Army Air Corps established (1926)
4	Independence Day / South Norfolk Parade
12	Post Meeting, 1900 – District Inspection
22-26	VFW National Convention, ‘Nawlins, LA
27	Anniversary of Korean Armistice (1953)
28	Anniversary of start of WWI (1914)
31	Quarterly Audit due to Department

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