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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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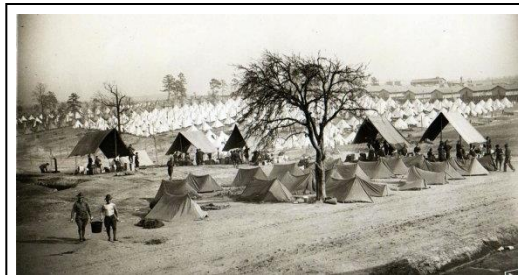


THE DEFINING ROLE OF THE NATIONAL GUARD IN WWI

By National Guard Bureau Historical Services
ARLINGTON, Va. – Over 100 years ago, on August 5, 1917, the entire National Guard was drafted into U.S. Army service for World War I. This represented the culmination of several steps declared by President Woodrow Wilson that would mobilize the National Guard into the "Great War" and which sent troops into Europe for the first time.

This act stands among a series of laws and military decisions in the early 20th century that resulted in the transformation of the National Guard from a traditionally local military organization into professional military force. A little over a year earlier, the National Defense Act of 1916 introduced the modern integration of National Guard Soldiers as an element of the United States Army. It required that Guard members in federal service would serve in the U.S. Army uniform and train to federal standards, in addition to other measures designed to improve readiness and efficiency.

However, the 1916 Act did not authorize the transportation of federalized National Guard troops to a foreign country. The Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army ruled that the Guard could only be used domestically, owing to the



After National Guard was drafted into US Army on Aug 5, 1917, Soldiers mustered at home stations and mobilized into several training camps across US prior to deployment to Europe. Here, Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S.C., is packed with tents. (Photo Credit: National Archives)

Militia Clause of the U.S. Constitution that only allowed the National Guard in federal status to "execute the laws of the union, suppress insurrection and repel invasions." This phrase alone deemed necessary the

draft action. The mobilization order of June 18, 1916, that ordered the Guard to the Mexican border represented the second milestone among the changes in national defense strategy. It demonstrated the power of the National Guard as the country's principal reserve force for the U.S. Army to be mobilized in a declared national emergency. This gradual evolution of legal precedents allowed the Army ample opportunity to make corrective action and improve the deployment process.

Heightened national security concerns earlier in 1917 allowed the National Guard's mobilization to move forward after the draft order of August 5.

The draft's impact was immediate. On June 30, 1917, the Regular Army consisted of 250,357 officers and enlisted men. By August 5, 1917, through means of incremental federalization of state National Guards and the draft order, 379,323 officers and enlisted men of the National Guard were drafted into the federal service.

With one pen's stroke, the Operations Department within the Office of the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army more than doubled the size of the Army. The National Guard's presence proved essential to raise the significantly larger fighting force, and it added the element of experience through its training completed in the four southwest border states during 1916 - 1917.

Legal considerations remained paramount in this time of war. Statutes and laws regulated the operations of the militia from its very beginning in colonial New England. Thus, the draft order only continued the tradition of commitment to rightful principles administered under these conditions.

On July 18, 1917, War Department General Order 95 established the first 16 National Guard divisions. A few weeks later after the draft order, the 42nd "Rainbow" Division mustered. From August 5th throughout the remainder of 1917, these units travelled to their respective training across the country to prepare for the voyage to Europe and the fight against the Central Powers.

The settlement of legal and administrative matters allowed the federal government to assemble and accelerate the development of a National Army, and federal priorities turned to the training and the assembly of a highly effective fighting force. The German Empire proved every bit a formidable opponent, but the presence of the National Guard and the cumulative services proved decisive for the Allies.

After the war's combat phase ended on Nov. 11, 1918, the German High Command's appraisal of American combat divisions assessed that eight divisions' effectiveness earned ratings of "superior to excellent." Among those eight, six were National Guard divisions.

The Guard's highly effective success proved critical in the victory of Allied forces in their gruelling months in the "War to End All Wars."

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

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, more hurricanes are on the horizon(!), 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 hope everyone enjoyed our night with the Tidewater Tides in August! And it was great to be joined by Emma Dozier, daughter of our Post's namesake, Jon.

This edition of the newsletter has a lot of stories about the various activities our members are involved with. If you are involved in an event or an activity, please let me know so that I can add it to our community services report. If you coach a sports team, participate in another organization (Scouts, model trains, service dogs, PTA, etc.), volunteer with other agencies, please let me know! Just send me a couple of lines.

We held a very touching and emotional POW-MIA Day Remembrance Ceremony in City Hall – thanks to all who made it to the ceremony! We also held a very successful membership drive at Dick's Sporting Goods and the Field & Stream on 16 September. It felt like every other person coming out of there was a veteran! If you know anyone who is eligible for the VFW, please tell them about us. There are more than 30,000 vets in Chesapeake and we're just scratching the top of the iceberg.



If you have children in school, or have neighbors who do, please tell them about the Patriots' Pen and Voice of Democracy contests! This is a chance for kids to win anywhere from \$100 to several thousand. Also, if you know of a hard-charging teacher, please nominate them (or ask someone else to do so) for the Teacher of the Year award! Post 2894 has had the State Teacher of the Year the last 3 years in a row, with two finishing at Nationals (one as THE TOTY!) The nominations for all three of these contests have to be submitted to the post by 31 October, so please get the word out ASAP!

There are a number of events coming up such as the 1 October Tap-It Local fundraiser for the Post on October 1st, the Sheriff's the Great American Food Fest on October 4th, the Norfolk County Rifle Range NRA Day (we're their food vendor!) on October 14th, and the city's Veterans' Day Ceremony on November 11th! Please don't forget one of the greatest rights that we all wore the uniform to uphold, the right to vote. **Do your patriotic duty this November 7th!**

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

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome Fall Ya' All! Hope everyone had a great Summer. I know that even though we did not meet that often during the Summer, I am sure we did a lot of things we could write a report on. It's a new year and we need to get reports in.

On September 30th at the Southeast Virginia Street Rod Association car show the Auxiliary will set up a table to sell the cars that



were donated by Mr. Mintz's son. We hope to use this money to buy the Auxiliary Flag.

October 19th the Department will be celebrating the National President's America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) at Yorktown. We will be staying at the Double Tree in Williamsburg. On Thursday we will be walking in a Morning Parade (about 1.5 Miles) with the National Colors in Yorktown. After the parade we are going to the American Revolution Museum. There are two dinners Friday and Saturday nights. It should be fun and different. This is the first time the National President has been from Virginia.

In November we will be helping with the Poppy Drive for Veterans Day. The Auxiliary will make some bags with shampoo, conditioner, lotion, tooth brush, tooth paste, comb, soap and wash cloth and deliver to the VA Hospital.

We also need to remember that Virginia has an election in November. A lot of times, we don't vote for the small elections; however, this year is important so I hope everyone goes to vote.

Thanks for all you do for the Veterans!
Sandy Dunbar, President

POST BUDDY POPPY DRIVE 4-5 NOVEMBER

We will be conducting the Veterans' Day Buddy Poppy Drive over the weekend of 4-5 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 \$2.637 in donations! We can 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.



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

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.

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 our August meetings on the "Party Deck" at Harbor Park in Norfolk.

Afterwards, the Comrades, Auxiliary, their families, friends and guests (a total of 51!) enjoyed a BBQ dinner while watching the Tides win 5-4, against the Durham Bulls. It also happened to be "Navy Night" so all the Sailors of the Post were honored. We were also honored with the presence of Emma Dozier, the 10 year old daughter of our Post namesake, Jon Dozier. It was a GORGEOUS night to watch baseball!

We were even up on the scoreboard as special guests!

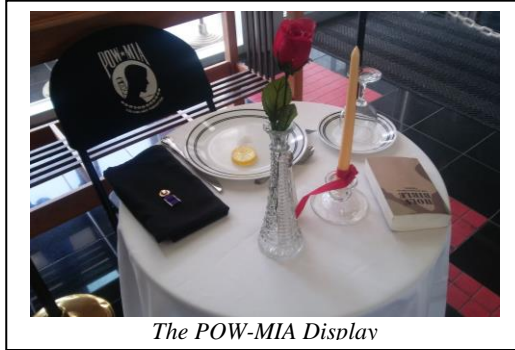
All in all, everyone had a great time and we are looking forward to next year's baseball night-out!

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. 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 Bob Gregory then described each of the symbols on the Missing Man Table



The POW-MIA Display

and then read out the names of each of the 37 missing or POWs. After each name, Comrade Jim Keiper 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 Germany, Japan, Tinian, and Formosa; and even in the mountains between India and China.



Mayor Krasnoff reads his proclamation (lft) and Commander Mulholland poses with a citizen who attended the ceremony (rt)

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.

FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN FAMILIES IN NEED, THE NATIONAL HOME HELPLINE IS JUST A TOLL-FREE CALL AWAY

The National Home Helpline is the gateway to help for military and veterans’ families, providing connections with supportive services and resources in communities all across the nation as well as referrals to our on-campus programs.

And our war heroes can take comfort in knowing that their call will be answered by a caring professional who understands the unique challenges faced by today’s military and veterans’ families.

The toll-free Helpline is answered Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

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

FROM THE CHAPLAIN’S FOXHOLE

Thanksgiving Proclamation
[New York, 3 October 1789]

By the President of the United States of America.
A Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations

(especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. Go: Washington

TWO POST SONS ENLIST IN SERVICE

Chris Mulholland – Auxiliary member Chris “Topher” Mulholland (age 28) graduated from James Madison



University in 2010 and moved to Florence, Italy for a year to earn a Master’s degree in International Studies. After returning to the US in 2011, he found work in the Washington DC area as an analyst in the travel/tourism industry. Six years later, he decided to try something completely different and enlisted in the US Army Reserves!

As an Eagle Scout, Chris was immediately promoted to E4, Specialist, before heading off to Basic Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in February. Two months later he graduated as an Honor Grad with Delta “Reapers” Battery, 1-79 Field Artillery.

Chris then flew to Fort Huachuca in Arizona for Advanced Individual Training (AIT) as a member of Bravo “Big Dogs” Company, 305th Military Intelligence (MI) Battalion. After 4 months he was certified as a 35F, Intelligence Analyst, finishing as the Honor Graduate of his class for which he was awarded an Army Achievement Medal. While at Huachuca, he also competed for the prestigious German Army Fitness Badge (GAFB), earning the gold version of the badge. He was the only one his class to finish as an honor graduate and to win the GAFB.



Upon his return to Virginia in August, he was assigned to the 312th Psychological Operations (PSYOPS) Company (POC) in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. He hopes to be selected for Jump School at Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Chris is the son of Post Commander Chris Mulholland and Auxiliary Secretary Barbara Mulholland. He is the 15th generation of his family to serve in uniform going all the way back to the founding of the Plymouth Plantation in 1620. Of those 15 generations, all but one wore the uniform of the Army – his father!

Both of his grandfathers served in the US Army or National Guard; he has great-grandfathers who participated on both sides of World War I (US Army and German Imperial Army); a great-great-grandfather who served in Havana, Cuba during the Spanish American War (and was a founding member of the VFW); three forefathers who fought for the Union in the Civil War (one of whom was killed); and many more who fought in the War of 1812, the Revolutionary War, the French and Indian war, Queen Anne's war, King William's war, King Philip's war, and the Pequot war; and one who was a charter member with the oldest military unit in North America, the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, in 1636.

For now, his plan is to just relax and enjoy himself after 8 months of training! Congratulations Chris!

David Girardin - Comrade Dave Girardin proudly announced that his son, David J. Girardin (29), enlisted in the Virginia National Guard on August 7th and will attend Basic Training this November. He will then attend advanced individual training to be a Cavalry Scout (MOS: 91D). David was home-schooled through 8th grade when he chose the dual enrollment program through Tidewater Community College (TCC). After graduating from high school and TCC he



enrolled at Regent University and earned a BA in theology. In addition to an interest in theology, he excels in history and philosophy. David has always been interested in military service. Just over two years ago he joined the Virginia Defense Force (VDF) where he was trained in high

frequency communications and various aspects of access control. His aptitude led him to be selected for Ground Search and Rescue Training through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM). For two straight years, David has honored by the VDF for recruiting and community service activities, and received recognition by the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. Having completed numerous and intensive requirements, he earned the Military Emergency Management Specialist badge. David is employed by a private security company and provides armed security at various public facilities. His goal is to eventually transition to public law enforcement. Recreationally David enjoys being outdoors, wilderness hiking, improving his marksmanship, practicing survival skills, and reading. Congratulations David!

OTHER POST NEWS

• When Hurricane Harvey made landfall in Texas on 25 August, **Comrade Dave Weber** packed his gear and left for Dickinson, Texas (just south of Houston) to help with rescue, recovery, and relief operations there. Dave is member of a Virginia-1 (VA-1) Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT), which operates as part of the NDMS (National Disaster Medical System) under the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Dickinson is where the retirement center is located which was shown around the world when rescuers had to carry the elderly residents out on their wheelchairs. Dave



Dave Weber (center) poses with VA-1 members in Texas.

returned to Virginia on 7 September...and left for Florida and Hurricane Irma on the following day! At the time of this article was being written, Dave was in South Florida about 40 miles from Naples and, as he wrote, "providing primary care to a devastated community." Great job and Stay Safe!

• On 7 September, one of our comrades retired from the Navy. **Commander Albon Head III**, the Air Operations Officer for historic Chambers Airfield, NAS Norfolk, retired after 24 years of service as a P-3 pilot and "Air Boss". He was accompanied by his wife, Molly, and 3 youngest daughters: Lily, Sarah, and Margaret Mary. His oldest two, Caitlin (our Post's 2015 Voice of Democracy winner) and Micaela, could not leave their respective universities for the long trip home. Albon won't



Albon (rt) receiving a Meritorious Service Medal from CAPT McDaniel, CO of NAVSTA Norfolk.

be home resting, however, as he will soon be flying for Air Wisconsin, the largest privately held regional airline in the US; it is also known as American Eagle, under contract to US Airways. Fair winds and following seas!

• Chesapeake hosted a Patriot Day ceremony at City Park on 9-11 (September 11th) in memory of the events in New York, Washington DC, and Shanksville, PA. **Former Post Commander Carl Dozier** was the guest speaker and gave a wonderfully somber yet stirring presentation. City Park is the home for the City's 9-11 memorial, a 5.5-ton steel beam from the World Trade Center displayed on concrete rubble, symbolic of Ground Zero.



Carl Dozier making his presentation

• **Comrade Ron Mayfield** continues to recover after his horrific accident at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Cincinnati. He fell and broke his hip in 4 places! He is up and walking around now and will be returning to Tidewater on October 28th. Thanks to the donations of the Post and Auxiliary, his wife Susan, was able to fly out and stay at the Fisher House to be near him and provide him moral support.

• **Craig and Denise Devonshire** have returned to Chesapeake! They were planning on moving back and had already packed their belongings when they had to flee to 'higher ground' in Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey. **WELCOME BACK!!!**

• On Friday, 15 September, fifteen Navy Petty Officers were 'pinned' and promoted to Chief Petty Officers at Joint Expeditionary Base (JEB) Little Creek. Sitting in the front row as a guest of honor next to two admirals was our own **Mickey Cassidy!** He was repeatedly asked what his pinning ceremony had been like, what he'd had to do, and he finally replied that his 'ceremony' was World War Two! He shook numerous hands and was ceremoniously piped aboard and ashore. Needless to say, he was tickled pink by the whole thing! Mickey is our oldest Post member (age 99), having joined the Navy in 1937, and is the oldest living plankholder of the USS IOWA.

partnering for the Second Annual **A Day to Change Direction**, a national day of service and action to change the dialogue on mental health for America's veterans and American communities. VFW Posts are encouraged to host events that will educate your community about the Five Signs of Emotional Suffering and the Healthy Habits of Emotional Well-being. You can choose to host a screening of the documentary *Into the Light* followed by a group discussion or you can participate in or host a community service event. Collectively, we believe in gathering together veterans and their families, community members, and clinicians to connect in a positive environment. Furthermore, we want to use this as an opportunity to encourage all Americans to pay attention to their emotional well-being as well as the emotional well-being of others

A staggering 20 veterans commit suicide every day, and the VFW is committed to helping change the narrative and stigma surrounding mental health in America. In order to raise awareness, foster community engagement, improve research and provide intervention for those affected by invisible injuries and emotional stress, the VFW has teamed up with the nationwide organizations *Give an Hour* and *the Campaign to Change Direction, One Mind, PatientsLikeMe* and the *Elizabeth Dole Foundation* to combat this critical issue.

VFW Mental Wellness Program can be found at <https://www.vfw.org/mental-wellness>.

**VOICE OF DEMOCRACY
SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS DUE
1 NOVEMBER**

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

**OCT 28TH: 2ND ANNUAL VFW DAY TO
CHANGE DIRECTION**

On October 28, 2017, the VFW and Give an Hour, the lead organization for the Campaign to Change Direction, are

**PATRIOTS PEN SCHOLARSHIP
NOMINATIONS DUE 1 NOVEMBER**

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



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR
NOMINATIONS DUE 1 NOVEMBER**

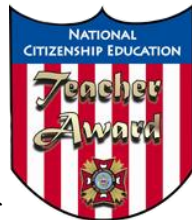
In the last three years, Post 2894 was fortunate enough to have a National Teacher of the Year (Craig Blackman, Indian River HS, 2015), a National 3rd Runner-Up (Kimberly Hammers, Grassfield HS, 2016), and a Department Winner (Kathy Doren, Greenbrier MS, 2017).

There are 3 awards for teachers: grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. If you know of someone who promotes a sense of pride in students through the teaching of civic responsibilities, flag etiquette, and patriotism, please consider nominating them for this prestigious National VFW Award! The **deadline is November 1, 2017!**

Nominations must include the nomination form, a 350 word justification, a one page resume, up to 5 pages of supporting documentation (CV, references, news articles, etc.), and a head-and-shoulder photo.

The top prize winner receives \$1,000 plus another \$1,000 to the school, plaques for both teacher and school, and an all-paid expense trip to the VFW National Convention (which will be in Kansas City in 2018).

Entry forms can be downloaded at: <http://myvfw.org/va/post2894/files/2015/07/TeacheroftheYearAwardBrochure-VFW-Post-2894.pdf>



never a bad time to promote fire safety, but let's make a concerted effort during Fire Prevention Week to enforce ways to keep us safe from fires.

Great Shakeout Earthquake Drills, Oct 19th

VFW Post 2894 in collaboration with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Ready Campaign, and Preparedness will be promoting Earthquake Preparedness throughout October and encouraging our membership as well as other District 2 Posts to take part in The Great Shakeout Earthquake Drills occurring across the county on October 19th at 10:19 a.m. local time.

Earthquakes can happen at any time of the year and at any time during the day; you could be at work, school, in a car, or at home. The 2011 Mineral, Virginia earthquake and 2016 Pawnee, Oklahoma earthquake illustrated the fact that it is impossible to predict when or where an earthquake will occur, so it's important that you and your family are prepared ahead of time.

On October 19th we ask members, along with your families and other District 2 Posts register to be counted in the largest-ever earthquake drill in the world! Members with family living in Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia, Delaware, or West Virginia can join the "The Great Southeast ShakeOut."

October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

This is an annual campaign to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity. The Internet touches almost all aspects of everyone's daily life, whether we realize it or not. National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) is designed to engage and educate public and private sector partners through events and initiatives to raise awareness about the importance of cybersecurity, and increase the resiliency of the Nation in the event of a cyber incident.

Protection from data breaches and identity theft have become a part of our everyday lives. Large scale data breaches have occurred with some of our nation's biggest retailers, like Equifax, Target and Home Depot, but they have also occurred through federal agencies, like the Office of Personnel Management. Our increasing digital footprint makes the threat of another breach a certainty and National Cyber Security Awareness Month is designed to call attention to our ever-connected world.

While the government is taking steps to keep our cyber community safe, the government alone cannot solve the problem. Cybersecurity is a shared responsibility. The *Stop.Think.Connect. Friends* Program is an opportunity for you to help us spread the word about what we can all do to enhance our safety and security online. The online world is vast, and in order to protect our nation's cyberspace, we need your help to reach as many Americans as possible—and provide them with information and tools to help raise awareness about cybersecurity and simple, easy-to-understand steps for improving their personal safety and security online..

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Fireplace Safety

Curling up in front of a warm fireplace is one of the many joys of the fall and winter seasons. Every type of fireplace, whether wood-burning, gas, or electric, poses a potential danger to children.

Use these tips to keep your family safe from fireplace dangers:

- If possible, keep a window cracked open while the fire is burning.
- Be certain the damper or flue is open before starting a fire. Keeping the damper or flue open until the fire is out will draw smoke out of the house. The damper can be checked by looking up into the chimney with a flashlight or mirror. Do not close the damper until the embers have completely stopped burning.
- Use dry and well-aged wood. Wet or green wood causes more smoke and contributes to soot buildup in the chimney. Dried wood burns with less smoke and burns more evenly,

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Fire Prevention Week, Earthquake Awareness & Cyber Security

Fire Prevention Week Fire - October 8-14, 2016

VFW Post 2894 along with VFW District 2 want to share this life saving information from the U.S Fire Administration (<https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/fpw.html>) and the National Fire Protection Association (<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/campaigns/fire-prevention-week>). FEMA and our partners in preparedness have put together two incredible toolkits with information that you can distribute. With home fires being so common, there's

- Smaller pieces of wood placed on a grate burn faster and produce less smoke.
 - Clean out ashes from previous fires. Levels of ash at the base of the fireplace should be kept to 1 inch or less because a thicker layer restricts the air supply to logs, resulting in more smoke.
 - The chimney should be checked annually by a professional. Even if the chimney is not due for cleaning, it is important to check for animal nests or other blockages that could prevent smoke from escaping.
 - Make sure the area around the fireplace is clear of anything that is potentially flammable (i.e.: furniture, drapes, newspapers, books, etc.). If these items get too close to the fireplace, they could catch fire.
 - Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Make sure it is completely out before going to bed or leaving the house. If you leave the room while the fire is burning or the fireplace is still hot, take your small child with you.
 - Minimize your child's chance of burns from the hot glass front of some fireplaces. Safety screens can be installed to reduce the risk of burns.
 - Put fireplace tools and accessories out of a young child's reach. Also, remove any lighters and matches.
 - Install both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
 - Keep a fire extinguisher on hand.
- Communicate to children as early as possible the dangers of fires and the heat generated from them.

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 6, 1917 – Major-General Pershing, Commanding US Army in France, promoted to General (4 stars) after American Expeditionary Force (AEF) exceeds 90,000 soldiers and is approaching combat readiness.

October 12, 1917 – Ypres offensive culminates around village of Passchendaele as Australian and New Zealand troops die by thousands attempting to press forward across battlefield of liquid mud, advancing just 100 yds. Steady October rains create slippery quagmire in which wounded soldiers routinely drown in mud-filled shell craters.

October 15, 1917 – Mata Hari (an exotic dancer) shot at dawn at age 41 by French firing squad of Zouaves at Caserne de Vincennes on outskirts of Paris, having been tried as a spy. In Des Moines, Iowa, first group of African-American officers is commissioned, first of 1,300 so honored. Ultimately, 400,000 blacks serve in ranks and perform well when in combat.

October 21, 1917 – 1st US Division assumes advance positions in vicinity of Luneville (Nancy), France, and is attached to seasoned French division in line.

October 23, 1917 – Near Sommervillier, Lorraine, SGT Alex Arch, 6th Field Artillery, fires first American artillery shells of war at German lines.

October 24, 1917 – In northern Italy, 35 German and Austrian divisions cross Isonzo River into Italy at Caporetto and rapidly push 41 Italian divisions 60 miles southward. By now, Italians worn down from years of costly but inconclusive battles along Isonzo and in Trentino, amid perceived lack of Allied support. Nearly 300,000 Italians surrender, while some 400,000 desert. Austro-Germans halt at Piave River north of Venice due to stretched supply lines.

October 26, 1917 – At Ypres, second attempt fails to capture Passchendaele, with Canadian troops' participation. 4 days later, Allies attack again as Germans slowly begin pulling out. At Borumont, France, 2nd US Division organizes under MG Omar Bundy; consists of brigade of Army soldiers and another of US Marines.

October 31, 1917 – In Middle East, British begin attack against Turkish defensive lines between Gaza and Beersheba in southern Palestine. Initial attack on Beersheba surprises Turks and they pull troops from Gaza which British attack second. Turks retreat northward toward Jerusalem with Allies in pursuit including Arab fighters led by Arab-speaking English archeologist, known as 'Lawrence of Arabia'. At Neufchateau, France, 26th "Yankee" Division assembles under GEN Clarence Edwards. It boasts 28,000 men – roughly twice the strength of worn-out British, French, or German divisions.

November 2-3 1917 – At Bathelemont, along Rhine-Marne Canal, 3 American soldiers from Co. F, 16th INF, 1st DIV, killed in nighttime German trench raid. Additional 5 wounded and 12 captured.

November 6, 1917 – Passchendaele captured by Canadian troops. Allied offensive ceases, bringing Third Battle of Ypres to end with no significant gains amid 500,000 casualties experienced by all sides.

November 6-7, 1917 – In Russia, Bolsheviks led by Vladimir Lenin and Leon Trotsky overthrow Provisional Government in "October Revolution" (Oct. 24-25 according to Russian calendar). They establish non-democratic Soviet Govt based on Marxism which prohibits private enterprise and private land ownership. Lenin announces immediate end to Russian involvement in war and renounces all existing treaties with Allies.

November 11, 1917 – German High Command gathers at Mons, Belgium, to map out strategy for 1918. Ludendorff bluntly states willingness to accept million German casualties in daring plan to achieve victory in early '18, before American Army arrives in force. Goal is to drive wedge between British and French on Western Front via series of offensives using Germany's finest divisions and intensive storm troop tactics. Plan is to decimate British Army, and then French Army, and thus secure final victory.

November 15, 1917 – Georges Clemenceau becomes France's new Prime Minister at age 76. Nicknamed "The Tiger," when asked about his agenda, he will simply answer, "I wage war."

November 20, 1917 – First-ever mass attack by tanks as British 3rd Army rolls 381 tanks accompanied by 6 infantry divisions in coordinated attack of German trenches near Cambrai, France, an important rail center. Attack targets 6-mile-wide portion of Front and by end of first day appears spectacular success with 5 miles gained and 2 German divisions wrecked. News celebrated by ringing of church bells in England, first time since 1914. US soldiers from 11th, 12th, and 14th Engineers accompany British in first offensive involving US troops. "Cambrai" becomes first campaign streamer of the war. However, similar to past offensives, opportunity to exploit first-day gains missed, followed by arrival of heavy German reinforcements and effective counter-attack in which Germans take back most of lost ground.

November 28 1917 – At Langres, France, US General Staff College is founded for field grade officers. First Army Tank School also established there under Major George S. Patton.

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

www.greatwar.co.uk/timeline/ww1-events-1917.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, Chris Mulholland, 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, Gary Dunbar, and Chris Mulholland
- **Building Committee:** Carl Dozier and Gary Dunbar
- **Visiting Committee:** Chaplain Mark Junghans
- **Health Committee:** Surgeon Bob Gregory

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP – AND CONSIDER A LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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.

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.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

You can become a VFW Life Member by paying a one-time fee as listed in the table below, or making an initial \$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
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

- 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: Texans 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 KIA 12,000, US over 1,200.
- 1859 John Brown's "Raid" on Harper's Ferry
- 1863 U.S. Grant is named commander of Union forces in West
- 1940 WW II draft begins; #158 is drawn first
- 1962 Missile Crisis: JFK learns of Soviet missiles in Cuba
- 1777 British General John Burgoyne surrenders at Saratoga
- 1781 British General Lord Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown
- 1916 Battleship 'Arizona' (BB-39) commissioned at Brooklyn Navy Yard
- 1922 1st US carrier take-off: Virgil C. Griffin in VE-7SF off 'Langley' (CV 1)
- 1767 Completion of survey of Mason-Dixon Line, defining mutual borders of Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Delaware
- 1859 US Marines under Robert E. Lee capture John Brown & his party at Harper's ferry
- 1879 William Tecumseh Sherman says "War is hell"
- 1915 USN establishes submarine base at New London, Ct.
- 1950 UN forces enter Pyongyang, capital of North Korea
- 1987 US warships destroy Iranian oil platforms in Persian Gulf
- 1944 MacArthur returns to Philippines at Leyte, with 200,000 troops
- 1944 US First Army secures Aachen
- 1797 USS 'Constitution' - 'Old Ironsides' - is launched at Boston
- 1836 Sam Houston inaugurated as 1st elected President of Republic of Texas (1836-1838)
- 1875 Sons of American Revolution (SAR) organized

- 1954 West Germany joins NATO
1962 Missile Crisis: JFK imposes naval blockade on Cub
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
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
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 MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1765 Stamp Act goes into effect in British colonies
1835 Texans begin siege of San Antonio (it falls Dec 4)
1943 Bougainville: 3rd Marine Div lands at Cape Torokina, Empress Augusta Bay
1951 First atomic explosion with troops present, NM
1952 First hydrogen device exploded, Eniwetok Atoll
2 1783 Washington's "Farewell Address to Army," at Rocky Hill, near Princeton
1917 First US troops KIA in France
1944 US & Filipino troops clear Japanese from central valley on Leyte.
3 1783 Continental Army mustered out of service, Rocky Hill, NJ
1979 Teheran: Iranians storm US embassy to take 63 hostages
4 1862 Richard J. Gatling receives patent for clever device
1950 US troops retreat from Pyongyang, North Korea
5 1917 Maj. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr, leads first American patrol into "No Man's Land"
6 1945 First jet carrier landing: Ryan FR "Fireball" on USS 'Wake Island' (CVE-65)
7 1865 CSS 'Shenandoah' surrenders to British authorities at Liverpool, seven months after Appomattox

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 cdrpost2894@va.vfwwebmail.com

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

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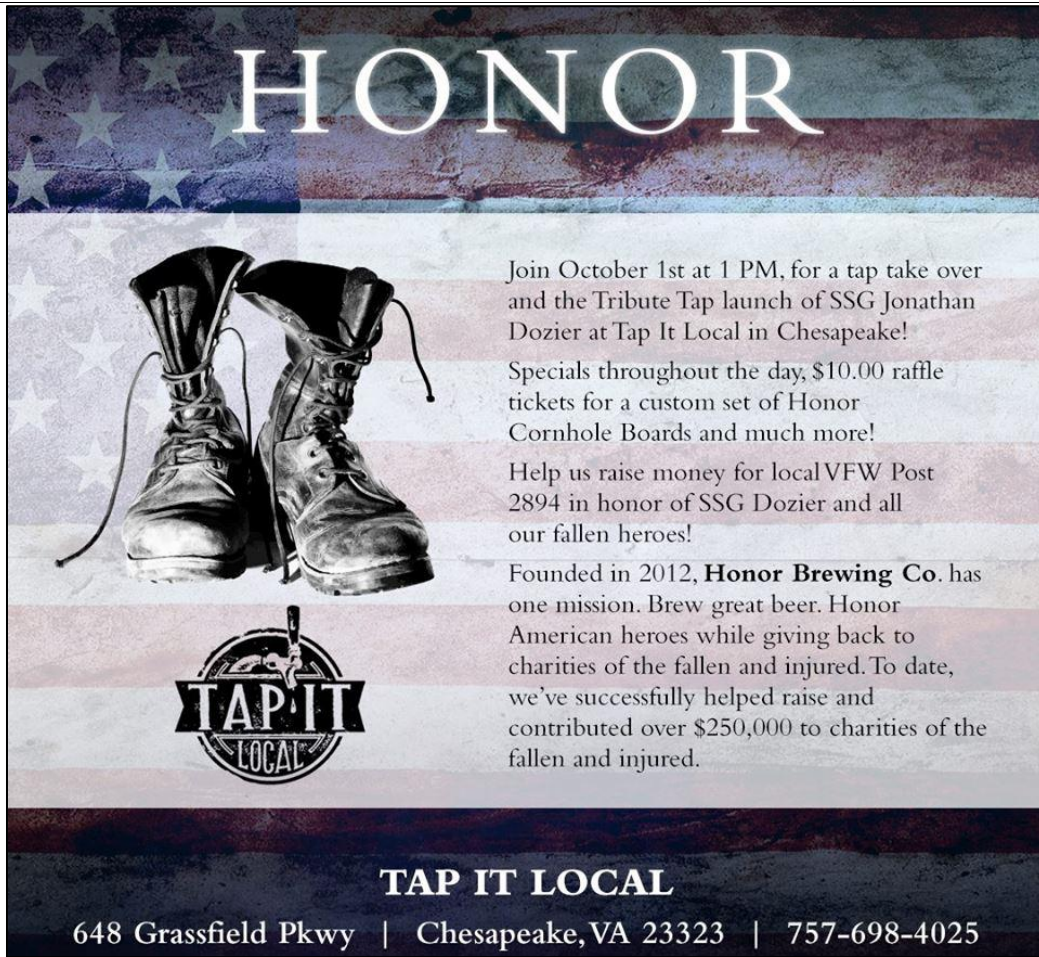
Semper fidelis, - Chris Mulholland

POST 2894 CALENDAR

<u>OCTOBER</u>	
1	Montero Veterans' Health Fair Tap-It Local Fundraiser
5	Sheriff's Great American Food Fest
10	Columbus Day
11	Yom Kippur begins
12	Post Meeting, 1900 / Quarterly Audit
13	US Navy Birthday (1775)
14	Brownell/NRA Day, Norfolk County Range
23	Beirut Bombing Remembrance Day (1983)
27	Navy Day
28	2 nd Annual VFW Day to Change Direction
31	Halloween

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

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