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- 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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Post 2894

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2nd Wednesday of month – 7:00 pm
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"Honoring the Fallen by Helping the Living"

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US ARMY'S ONLY ALL-FEMALE, AFRICAN AMERICAN WWII UNIT HONORED WITH MONUMENT

by Kaylah Jackson, November 29, 2018

The contributions of over 800 African American women who sorted mail in a segregated unit during WWII were recognized Friday [23 Nov 2018] in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with a monument erected in their honor.

"No mail, no morale," was the motto of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the U.S. Army's only all-African American and all-female unit during the Second World War.

Often referred to as the "Six-Triple-Eight," the unit was made up of enlisted and officer women, who were originally from the Women's Army Corps, Army Service Forces and Army Air Forces.



(Photo courtesy of George Marcec)

While many African American nurses served overseas in combat zones, WAC units remained separated and women of color were only allowed to serve overseas depending on the "needs of the Army." The military faced pressure for African

Americans WACs to serve in overseas components and eventually a request for 800 women to serve in the European Theatre was approved.



(Four members of the 6888th. Source: United States Department of Defense)

In 1945, warehouses and Red Cross workers in England became overwhelmed with a backlog of mail and packages addressed to U.S. service members. The hundreds of women who eventually made up the 6888th were selected to train for this exact mission.

Under the direction of Lt. Col Charity Edna Adams, the women traveled to Camp Shanks, New York after enduring boot camp, and eventually arriving in Birmingham, England, in 1945. Upon arrival to Europe, the women were welcome to a dimly lit and rat-infested warehouse with mail stacked to the ceilings.

Of the over 800 servicewomen, five were present at their monument dedication ceremony at Fort Leavenworth [in 2018].

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Once again, thank you all for what you do every day in supporting your families, our veterans, and our community!

We are looking for comrades who want to serve the Post as officers. Our goal is to develop a slate of officers for our February meeting, officially nominate the slate in March, and hold our election in April. If you are interested in making the Post the best it can be, please contact the Election Chair, Carl Dozier, via email at bulldoziero5@gmail.com. We don't just have the officer billets to fill, but the various committees as well. Please take a moment to consider stepping up and volunteering just a little bit more of your free time for the Post. We have



some major plans and would like everyone's input and assistance. I am also looking for a transition plan this coming year that will continue the tremendous progress this post has made during the last 5 years!

Just to catch you up on recent events, we raised \$2333 in the Veterans' Day buddy poppy drive (including a gold ring, which someone donated!); we marched – we LED! – the Chesapeake Christmas Parade for the first time this past December; our High School Teacher of the Year, Lee Mongold, won Department TOTY; Great Bridge United Methodist men's group donated \$1,088 to the post; and Davin Perry set up a fundraiser with Buffalo Wild Wings! Our Service Officers are INCREDIBLE! Thank you Jim Ireland and Gary Dunbar!

Which reminds me, we have another home remodel project scheduled for February 20th. Our assistance will focus primarily on installing 13 interior doors in the home. If you have hammers or tools to assist in hanging doors you are encouraged to bring them (add your initials). Protective eyewear, gloves, water and food will be provided. This project will be attended by a number of Home Depot Corporate leaders to show their interest and support for helping veterans and other deserving families in our community improve their lives through home repair projects. They are also excited to see the teamwork and support of the local community in assisting them to achieve their goal of helping improve the lives of families in the communities they serve. The project will be covered by a local television station so please wear appropriate VFW clothing. Contact Jim Ireland (ji315@aol.com) if you are willing and able to help out.

Our biggest event of the year is coming up and I am asking everyone to block out your calendars for the 18th of April. This will be our 9th Annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk! We need 'all hands on deck' for this event since it takes everyone's assistance – no matter how big or small – to pull it off successfully. I also ask every member to approach at least one business and ask them to be a sponsor of the march.

Also coming up is the annual Norfolk Saint Patrick's Day Parade (14 March), our Post elections (8 April), and our annual

Post Awards Ceremony (13 May). Which reminds me, both our If you know of an Eagle Scout, Gold Award or Venture Crew scout who is eligible for the Scout of the Year award, tell them the deadline is March 1st!

I recognize that we focus a great deal of our time and effort on projects to help veterans while not thinking much about our own 'social life.' In response to some questions, I have heard some great ideas such as pub-crawl, chili cook-off or BBQ contest, paint (and wine) night, and a "veterans' ball". These are all great ideas that we can think over and talk I want to thank everyone who came and enjoyed the camaraderie at the Christmas Pot Luck after our December meeting.

And, as always, thanks to all of you for your service to our country! Semper Fidelis and **Erin Go Bragh!**

Chris Mulholland, Commander



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings from the Auxiliary. We hope everyone had a Great Holiday.

In January the Auxiliary had a belated Christmas Party at the Mulholland's home. We had a wonderful dinner and

then played a couple of games. We had several visitors: Sharon Peterson, Cheryl Campbell and Debbie Hunt. Frank Hunt who is a member of the Auxiliary attended and this was the first time some of us had met Frank. The evening was full of fellowship, fun and laughter and we hope to see everyone again in the future.

Also in January the Auxiliary had their Winter Conference in Portsmouth. Several of us attended and in the morning a presentation on what the Auditor's duties are, how to conduct the Quarterly Audits, and the term of the Auditors. Handouts were provided to help with the training. Two of our members that attended are Auditors so this was great information and they will be sharing this with the Auxiliary members.



District 2 Meeting will be February 15, 2020 at Smithfield. Lunch will be at 12:00 and the Meeting will start at 1:00 p.m.

The Auxiliary is working toward the banner requirements for this year and we need 2 new members. If you know of someone who might be interested in joining the Auxiliary, please have them contact any of our members.

Thanks to everyone for your support and what you do for our Veterans.

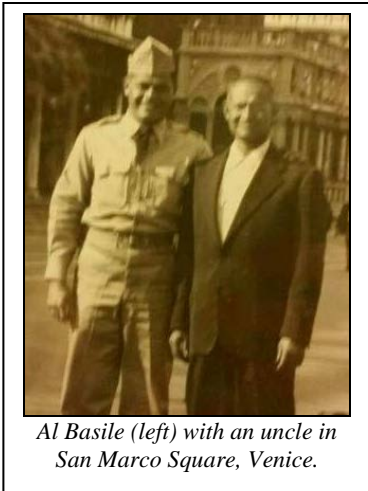
Sandy Dunbar, President



IN MEMORIAM

We lost two very special comrades in late November/early December:

Alfred Vincent Basile, Sr. was a wonderful man who was easy to talk with and enjoyed life to the fullest. Al was born on November 27th, 1928 in Washington DC and grew up speaking both English and Italian. He joined the US Army at the end of WWII and entered the European theater just as the war was ending. Co-owner of Capitol Tile and Marble, he was a member of Local #1 Internal Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers, working in Maryland and the District of Columbia. He and his wife moved to Chesapeake many years ago after his retirement. He died on November 21st with his family at his side. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Rita Gilda DiPaola, and his daughters, Barbara Marie Sickmier and her husband Randy of Chesapeake, and



Al Basile (left) with an uncle in San Marco Square, Venice.

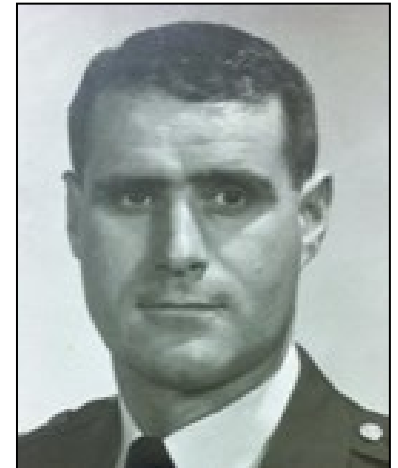
Annette Lorraine Ferri of Falls Church, Virginia; his son, Alfred Vincent Basile, Jr. and his wife Gina of St. Leonard, Maryland; his sister, Ellen Mary Oneto of Ocean City, Maryland; six grandchildren; Colette, Andrea, Elisa, Christina, Rachel and Kenny; and 1 great-grandson, Damian.

Interment will be in the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, Maryland at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Lieutenant Colonel John "Jack" Milton Hayes was born on November 25th, 1934 in Haverhill, MA and graduated from Norwich University in 1956. He joined the US Army and served for 21 years with honor and distinction, completing two tours in Vietnam. He earned two purple hearts, the Bronze Star for heroism, a Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and many other awards. Jack dedicated his life to his country while serving all over the world and taking his family with him.

After retirement, Jack went worked as the banquet manager at "The Chamberlin Hotel" in Hampton for a time. He also worked for the Virginian Pilot as a distribution manager for many years. Jack enjoyed running and competing in marathons. He also loved to write and compose poetry. He wrote a regular column in the Virginian Pilot titled "We The People".

Jack is survived by his wife Gail Marie Hayes the love of his life. They spent 64 years together and had four children: John (Jack) M. Hayes Jr, Kimberly Ann Hayes, William (Bill) C. Hayes and wife Pricilla, and Julie E. Hayes Anderson; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Jack was a dedicated husband and father. Jack is also survived by his sister Patricia Hayes Boulanger of Boxford, MA; sister-in-law Bernice Hayes of Vernon, CT; and brother-in-law Thomas Lynch; as well as five nieces and one nephew; and six great nieces and nephews.



Jack was one of the founding members of VFW Post 2894 and served as the Post Commander several times in the 1990s and 2000s. He died on December 1st.

In lieu of a memorial, Jack would be honored if you donated to the Red Cross in his name. He was a platelet donor with over 100 donations. He loved this country and his family and he will be dearly missed.

8TH ANNUAL BATAAN DEATH MARCH MEMORIAL WALK, 18 APR 2019

Keep your calendar clear for the ninth annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk on Saturday, April 18th at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail in Deep Creek just off Route 17. Since Post 2894 is hosting this event, we would like to see all the members come out and help in any way you can. We will also be receiving assistance from crewmembers of the USS Bataan (LHD-5), the Marines of Northwest Security Group, the Chesapeake Sheriff's Department, Fire Department, and more as we host this commemorative event. The flyer for this event

can be found at the end of this newsletter along with a sponsorship form. **PLEASE SHARE WITH FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILY - EVERYONE!**

We are also looking for sponsors. If everyone in the post asks at least one business for their support, we can really make this a successful event. We have three levels of sponsorship:

- **Legion of Merit Sponsor - \$1000** (or \$1000 of In-kind) Donation: Large name or company logo on our tee shirts and banner as well as special recognition in media and in the closing ceremony.
- **Distinguished Service Sponsor - \$500** (or \$500 of In-kind) Donation: Name or company logo on our tee shirt and banners



(Photo courtesy of George Marcec)

The monument sits near a series of other historical tributes on Fort Leavenworth. From honoring the first African American West Point graduate to the first African American four-star general, this monument will be another addition highlighting the “firsts” of our nation’s history at war.

(The full article can be found on-line at <https://connectingvets.radio.com/articles/6888th-central-postal-directory-battalion-receives-monument-fort-leavenworth>)



- **Meritorious Service Sponsor - \$250** (or \$250 of In-kind) Donation: Name or company logo on our tee shirt

You can find more information on the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pages/Chesapeake-Bataan-Death-March/464188050284397

ALL-FEMALE, AFRICAN AMERICAN WWII MONUMENT (contd from page 1)

“Servicemen want their mail. That’s a morale booster,” Lena King told KCTV. Now 95-years-old, then Corporal King worked among other women in the warehouse identifying miswritten pieces of mail and ensuring the men fighting received letters from their loved ones.

Designed by sculptor Eddie Dixon, the monument features 841 of the 855 women of the Six-Triple-Eight, a bust of Lt. Col Adams and iconic photos highlighting the unit’s mission.

By dividing their work in shifts that ran 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, the women processed an average of 65,000 pieces of mail per shift, clearing the previous six-month backlog of letters in just three months.

JOIN US for the 51st OCEAN VIEW ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARADE, 14 MARCH

COME MARCH WITH US!!! Post 2894 will participate in this year’s Ocean View Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in Norfolk along with the Tidewater Military Vehicles Association. The parade is on March 14th. Bring your families, bring your friends. This is the 53rd year for the fun-filled Irish parade with marching bands, clowns, floats, cars, and people making an exciting and enjoyable parade. Everyone is Irish both in and along the parade route. After the parade there will be a party with live music, food, and fun hosted by The Columbian Club of Ocean View. 211 W. Government Ave, Norfolk, VA. It is open to the public (21 and up). We will provide more details (as they finalize) via e-mail.

POST MARCHES IN CHESAPEAKE CHRISTMAS PARADE

This past spring, the Post was approached by TShane Johnson of Hike Across America about hosting a dinner to help raise funds for the Gary Sinise Foundation. The dinner was held on October 2nd and was a great success. Shane’s “manager”, Diane Adcock, then informed us that Shane was going to be the Grand Marshall for the Chesapeake Christmas Parade and asked if we would be interested in building the float for him.

Diane has been the coordinator of the parade for years. Of course we said yes! The theme of the parade was “I’ll Be Home for Christmas”. We talked with



Standing from left: Ron Liston, Becky Waters, José Vazquez, and Bob and Rosie Gregory
In front: Brad Waters.

the Military Vehicle Preservation Society of Tidewater, the Mayor’s Commission on Veterans Affairs, and the Marine Corps League for their participation as a “military entry”. We also reached out to the Fleet Reserve Association, the American Legion, and the Virginia National Guard but they were all unable to participate. Comrades Ron Liston and Rich Johnson volunteered to head the effort and were assisted by Kimball Thompson, Jim Ireland, and José Vazquez. They did a tremendous job and built a beautiful float! Because it was the “Grand Marshall



And the finale! Shane and his daughter, Charlie, wave to the crowd along with Comrade Rich Johnson.

Float” we were at the front of the parade! Shane and his daughter, Charlie, rode on the float which was towed by José in his beautiful, new, fire-engine-red truck. They were accompanied by Carl and Jean Dozier, Becky and Brad Waters, Rosie and Bob

Gregory, Matt Hamel, Grace Schweers, Jackie Conway, and Donna Kust with “Otto”. The Christmas tree on the float was decorated with ribbons, each with the name of deployed Service member or Gold Star Hero.

OTHER POST NEWS

• **The Schweers Attend Patriot Guard Riders’ Christmas Party.** Matt and Grace Schweers were guests of the local Patriot Guard Riders (PGR) at their annual Christmas

celebration on December 2nd. The PGR attends the funerals of members of military members and first responders at the invitation of a decedent’s family. The



Grace and Matt Schweers (far left and right) with PGR District 5 Captain, Larry Strauss and his wife.

PGR comes to our annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk to escort our guests of honor – typically, survivors of the original death march. Many VFW members are also members of the PGR.

• **The Doziers Are Special Guests at Annual Gold Star Family Dinner.** Carl and Jean Dozier were special

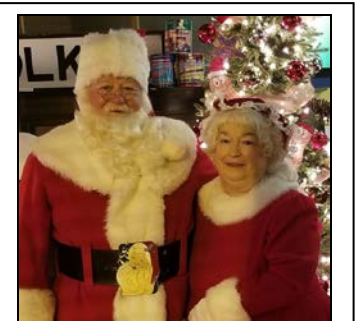


Carl and Jean Dozier pose with Kimball Thompson.

guests at the 10th Annual Gold Star Honor and Remember Dinner on December 8th at the Founder’s Inn. Also in attendance was Kimball Thompson who was there as a member of the Color Guard for the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR).

• **Santa and Mrs. Claus are Post 2894 Members!** For years, Keith Lindgren has

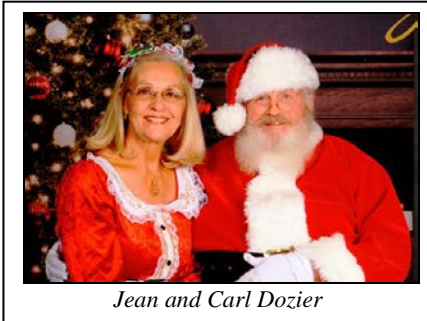
performed as Santa Claus all around the Tidewater area. From delivering toys to children in hospitals, making appearances at corporate and charity events, and as the official Santa for the city of Suffolk in their Christmas Parade, Keith is beloved by many! Including his



Keith and Carol Lindgren

wife, Carol, who joins in on the fun by dressing up as Mrs. Claus. They even have a red motorcycle with a side car in which they traveled to their different appointments! But this was the last year for the Lindgrens as the Clauses – Keith has announced that he’s hanging up his bells so he can enjoy his retirement more. Have fun!

BUT WAIT! THERE’S MORE! A SECOND Santa



Jean and Carl Dozier

and Mrs. Claus are members as well! Carl and Jean Dozier got into the “Santa Business” this year as well! They have visited local assistive living centers where they’ve distributed ‘goodies’ and visited

bed-bound senior citizens. The Post is extremely lucky to include these two wonderful couples as our members!!

Ho-Ho-Ho!!!!

• **Emma Dozier Wins Post and District Patriots’ Pen Award:** Emma Dozier, daughter of our Post namesake, Jon Dozier, submitted an essay for the Patriots’ Pen contest with her local VFW post, 7383 in Cary, North Carolina...and she won for the second year at both the Post and District levels! Now we are waiting to see how she’ll do at the Department level. Here is her essay on “What Makes America Great”:

“The things that make this country great are not just the laws, but the people who protect and enforce them. Take my dad, for example, SSG Jonathan Dozier. He put his life on the line for our country. Sadly, on January 9th, 2008 he passed away doing what he loved, defending this great nation. It is people like my dad who risk their lives for us each day that makes this country so great. An immense amount of our country’s greatness can be attributed all service members. In today’s problems, we know we can count on these brave men and women to protect us. It is also important to remember our hometown heroes that save us from fires, criminals, and other injustices. These great people are always up for the challenge of keeping us safe and free, even if it means dying.

“Any person that protects our families and our rights is a contributor to the success and the greatness of this country. There are heroes in my local community that fight for my



rights as a kid, an American, and a human! They stand up for what they believe in, even if it’s not very popular. These people make America great because they are my voice when I don’t have one, and they give me the courage to use my voice when necessary. Having that voice is so special to me because it’s what moves me forward in school and in life. Being able to live my truth without having to be scared is what makes my country so great!

“There are so many things that make America great; the freedoms, the laws, and the rights we have. What truly stands out as the greatest part of America is the people that step up to defend our country and those that often go unnamed just doing their part to take care of the rest of us. America is full of different people with different ideas; and that could easily lead to conflict. But these differences are like puzzle pieces that are able to come together into a beautiful picture, thanks to the great people willing to fight for them. Whether it’s another kid, an adult, a politician, a person in uniform or even a stranger, we are great because we are free; and we are free because we are great.”
CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK EMMA!!!

• **Post Receives Thank You Cards:** A local active-duty Navy family lost all their personal belongings when a fire engulfed their upstairs bedrooms. Between the Post and Auxiliary, we donated \$500 cash and several bags of clothing and children toys. Luckily, the family has a rental home they can live in while the lengthy repairs take place. They sent both the Post and Auxiliary nice cards. This is what they wrote to the Post: “*Thank you so much the generous offer of \$300! We cannot begin to thank you enough! This will help bring back some normalcy to our lives. We are forever grateful to you & may God bless you in many ways. Thank you so much again!*”

Our Service Officers, Jim Ireland and Gary Dunbar, provided a powered wheelchair to a recently disabled veteran. They then coordinated with Lowe’s for a \$4,000 donation of supplies for a wheelchair ramp at the home of a disabled veteran. They also worked with the local American Legion for a professional carpenter and crew to build the ramp. The veteran and his wife sent us a heartfelt letter: “*To the members of the VFW 2894: We would like to express our upmost gratitude and sincere appreciation to you. The support you gave American Legion Post 280 in building the wheelchair ramp at our home and supplying the power chair for Richard means the world to us. You knowledge and experience dealing with companies willing to make contributions to veterans made both of them possible. We are both in awe of all of the support we received due to Richard’s amputation. We could not have gotten by without it. Thank God for all of you. You are always in our thoughts and prayers. We honestly don’t have enough words to express our gratitude. For God and Country!*”



Comrade Jay Redman addresses – and fires up – the crowd outside City Hall

• **Post Members Participate in Defense of the Constitution.** The City Council of Chesapeake held a meeting on December 10th, to discuss “sanctuary city” status for the city in defense of the

● R. Stephen Best, Sr.
● Matthew R. Hamel
● Robert C. Ike, Jr.
● John de Triquet
● Richard W. West
● Dwight M. Parker
● S.Z. "Debbie" Ritter
● Susan R. Vitale
● Ella P. Ward

The vote to name Chesapeake a “constitutional city” was unanimous, with Democrats, independents and Republicans all supporting the resolution, including Post Comrades Matt Hamel and Susan Vitale.

rights delineated in the Second Amendment of the US Constitution. The council voted to declare the city a “Constitutional City”. Interestingly enough, Post members were involved in just about every aspect of the evening, from speaking to the crowd outside before the meeting, to serving as an assistant city manager, to speaking to the council in defense of the 2A, and serving and voting as City Councilmembers. The Post “covered the waterfront”! Well done to all! Bravo Zulu!

• **Post High School Teacher of the Year Wins Department!** Our 2016 Teacher of the Year, Kimberly Hammers, nominated a fellow teacher from Grassfield High School as our 2020 High School TOTY. And guess what?! She won at both District and Department! Mrs. Lee Mongold, a social studies teacher at Grassfield HS, was just announced as the VFW Department of Virginia’s High School Teacher of the Year! She makes our third teacher from Chesapeake to win the award in the last 6 years! Lee follows in the footsteps of Craig Blackman of Indian River and Kimberly Hammers of Grassfield who also won the state award. Like them, she is now in the running for VFW’s National Teacher of the Year. Craig won that award in 2015 and Kimberly was third runner-up in 2016. Lee played a very important part in bringing back to life the memory of the Cornland



Schoolhouse, a historic black-only school in southern Chesapeake. She had her students interview former attendees of the schoolhouse so as to capture the history and memories of this significant landmark. In addition, she is the daughter of a US Army veteran so she understands the sacrifices that military families make to support their

loved ones overseas and the role of America around the world; and she is also heavily involved in Grassfield HS’s Field of Valor, which honors servicemen and women. Small American flags are sponsored in the name of a servicemember or veteran and then placed in a “field of valor” in front of the high school, next to a memorial to Gold Star Hero Cody Childers, a graduate of Grassfield. All of the proceeds are donated to VFW Post 2894 to help with our mission of “honoring the fallen by helping the living.” Lee was honored on January 11th at the Department of Virginia’s annual winter convention where she received a crystal apple trophy, a \$599 check from the Department, and \$200 from the Commander’s Club while Grassfield High School was given \$1,000 for her use to further her own education or for supplies. We will honor her at our annual awards ceremony on May 13th. Congratulations and good luck at National!!!!

• **Post Helps Cypress Landing Veterans Community Christmas “Mixer”:** Cypress Landing is not officially open yet but they already have 29 residents. The veterans’ community provides housing for disabled, low income and/or homeless



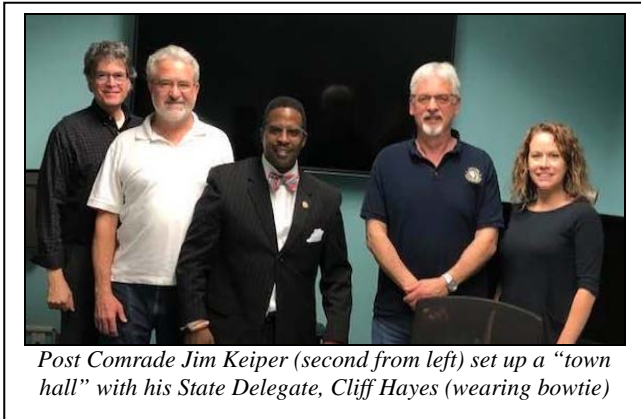
Just some of the members who came to Cypress Landing: (from left) Rich Johnson, Chris Mulholland, Randy Henninger, Jim Keiper, José Vazquez and Dave Weber

veterans. They hosted a Christmas get-together for the residents on 20 December and the Post volunteered to decorate their common area in time for Christmas. Jim Keiper, Jim Ireland, Rich Johnson and José Vazquez were responsible for coordinating our involvement with the community center and for arranging a wonderful donation from Lowe’s of a 10-foot tree with ‘all the fixings’ worth more than \$700. A large group of comrades and auxiliary members showed up to decorate the tree, hand out Christmas cards, and welcome the new residents. Ashley James, the Director of Cypress Landing, sent a nice card: “Thank you very much for your generosity and donations to help our veterans at Cypress Landing and Cedar Grove have a wonderful holiday mixer and a beautifully decorated Community Room for the Holiday Season. We want to wish you Happy Holidays and a bright New Year! We look forward to working with VFW #2894 next year!” We can guarantee that we will have future cooperative activities in the future! Thank you all!

• **Auxiliary Christmas Party:** In January the Auxiliary had a belated Christmas Party at the Mulholland’s home. The evening was full of fellowship, fun and laughter and they hope to see everyone again in the future!



• **Post Member Hosted Meeting with State Representative Cliff Hayes.** Post comrade Jim Keiper hosted a meeting with his Commonwealth delegate, Cliff Hayes, on behalf of his voting district, Virginia’s 77th. He wrote: “Delegate Hayes represents the 77th district of our Commonwealth. There were seven citizens of the 77th district there to express our concerns and very strong opinions. We discussed some of the pre-filed legislation that address Second Amendment issues, abortion, and confiscation of private property threats! We had a very good exchange of the specific information that we had prepared prior to the meeting. Delegate Hayes suggested that we have another meeting after the current session has been completed and the legislation has been processed. We would know at that time how he voted and if he voted according to our concerns and desires.



Post Comrade Jim Keiper (second from left) set up a “town hall” with his State Delegate, Cliff Hayes (wearing bowtie)

This was time very well spent! I recommend to my fellow citizens that similar meetings occur so that confrontation does not occur. Delegate Hayes’s Chief of Staff, Cheryl, was in attendance. She is very helpful and cognizant of our and others’ very important concerns!!!”

• **Doziers Host “Angelvorsary” for Jon Dozier and the**



“Sinsil 7”. On January 9th, 2008, SSG Jonathan Dozier, USA, led a group of soldiers in the search of a house in Sinsil, Diyala Province, about sixty miles north of Baghdad, Iraq. The structure had been checked out and cleared of hazards about two weeks earlier, but insurgents apparently had snuck back into it afterwards and rigged it with explosives.

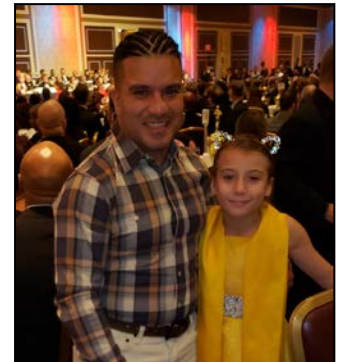
After Jon and his men entered the building, Sunni insurgents detonated a massive improvised explosive device (IED) killing all six soldiers. Killed alongside Jon were SPC Todd Davis (30) of Raymore Missouri; SSG Sean Gaul (29) of Reno, Nevada; SGT Zachary McBride (20) of Bend, Oregon; SFC Class Matthew Pionk (30), of Superior, Wisconsin; and SG T Christopher Sanders (22) of Roswell, New Mexico; as well as an Iraqi translator, Mohammed al Latefe. They were known afterwards as the “Sinsil 7”. In October 2011, a seventh soldier, Jordan Riddle, who had been critically wounded in the blast, took his own life as a result of his sorrow and a broken heart. Now they are all collectively known as the “Sinsil 8.” Every year, Jon’s father organizes an “Angelvorsary” to remember Jon and his buddies on the anniversary of their ascension into heaven. This year’s was held at Mack’s, Great American Grill.

• **Thank You Davin Perry!** Davin contacted the Buffalo Wild Wings Cantina in Greenbrier and set up a fundraiser for the post on the January 13th. BWW donated 10% of their sales to the Post. Thank you Davin and everyone who talked people into coming! And thank you to everyone who showed up!!!

• **Comrade Jay Redman Joins Mayor’s Commission on Veterans Affairs.** On January 15th, 2020, Comrade Jason “Jay” Redman was sworn in by the Assistant Clerk of the Court as a member of the Mayor’s Commission on Veterans Affairs. He joins comrades David Weber, Angela Taylor, Ken Belkofer, Richard Boyce, and Chris Mulholland as current members of the Commission. Many other Post members have served on the commission over the years to include chairperson.

• **Comrade Nelson Lebron was Inducted into Action Martial Arts Magazine’s Hall of Honor.**

On January 25th, Comrade Nelson “The Tyrant” Lebron was inducted into the Action Martial Arts Magazine’s Hall of Honors 2020 as an Esteemed Martial Artist. He and his daughter, Addy, traveled to Atlantic City, New Jersey for the ceremony where he was also inducted into the Martial Arts Hall of Fame. Nelson is a black belt in nine different disciplines. He’s a 21-year Navy veteran with nine combat tours to include Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syrian Border Ops, and counter-terrorism/drug operations in Africa and Latin America. He works as a professional bodyguard, bouncer, combatives instructor, actor, photographer, fighter, and coach. He had a combined fight record of 188 wins, 36 losses and 6 draws (boxing, kickboxing, and MMA). Congratulations Nelson!



SCOUT OF THE YEAR Due March 1st

The Veterans of Foreign Wars annually recognizes Scouts who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the exceptional qualities of that rank. Prizes range up to \$5,000 scholarship for first place.



To be eligible for the award, the candidate must:

- Be registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be recipient of Eagle Scout Award, Gold Award, Venture Silver Award or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award.
- Have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting and community.
- Have reached 15th birthday and be enrolled in high school at the time of selection.

Applicants still in high school who reach their 18th birthday during the nomination year remain eligible if otherwise qualified. A Scout may enter through only one VFW Post.

The deadline for this coming year is March 1st, 2020

Entry forms available on VFW website at:
www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/scout-of-the-year

YOUNG AMERICAN CREATIVE PATRIOTIC ART CONTEST Due March 31st

Each year, more than 3,500 high school students from across the country participate in the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in youth.

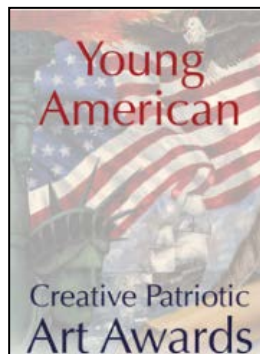
Candidate requirements:

- High school student under 18.
- US citizen or national.

Submission Requirements:

- Must be on paper or canvas - watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or oil.
- Digital art and photography NOT ACCEPTED.

- Submit canvas entries on stretcher frames or canvas board; other entries must be matted on white – NO FRAME.



- Art should be no smaller than 8" x 10" but no larger than 18" x 24," not including the mat.
- Include an explanation of the patriotism expressed in the art (150 words or less).
- Entry form must be attached to back of art piece. Forms are available at:
<https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/Creative-Patriotic-Art-Form-Fillable-For-Website.pdf>.

- Submit entry to the Post Auxiliary by **31 Mar '20**.

CHAPLAIN'S FOXHOLE

"End of Life Issues, Part II – You Stand Relieved"

Rev. Dr. Andrew J. McMenamin

Post Chaplain

While in Seminary, it became clear to me that I should become a Chaplain. Chaplaincy is a unique calling for clergy. Chaplains tend to work almost exclusively with people experiencing a crisis or those on the fringes of society, i.e. in soup kitchens, shelters, hospice, etc. In my opinion, people who are dying, fall into both categories.

The VA website states that, "End-of-Life Care (ELC) is considered care that's given when an individual has chosen to discontinue treatment to cure or control their disease, and is nearing the end of their life. ELC can include physical, emotional, social, and spiritual support for patients and for their families. The goal of ELC is to control pain and other symptoms so the patient can be as comfortable as possible. Palliative care, supportive care, and hospice care are all part of ELC. Health Services Research and Development investigators study all aspects of end-of-life care—from delivery of hospice care to Veterans living in rural communities to policy impacts to emotional support for Veterans and their caregivers."

A few months ago, a fellow Chaplain and good friend, COL(Ret.) Tim Zack, recounted some of his experiences as a Veterans Hospice Chaplain. One of his viewpoints really hit home and framed a "condition" that I had never been able to describe accurately. He said, we're all Vets. We've lived and breathed serving our country, from indoctrination/boot camp/academy to being "discharged." Throughout the years we served, we would never leave our post unless properly "relieved." When a Veteran is dying, they need to know that it is "okay to go," - that they are "relieved." I've seen Vets linger and have wondered why are they still hanging on.

Tim now tells families and friends, if you have a loved one or friend who is a Veteran and it's clear that they are terminal, one of the kindest things you can do is to let them know, that it's okay for them to stand down. I know this is very difficult, but we owe those that have served so much, we can at least put them at ease and let them know it's okay to accept that last promotion. Be blessed.



+ SAFETY CORNER +
FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

What is American Heart Month?

American Heart Month, a federally designated event, is an ideal time to remind Americans to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved.

- The first American Heart Month, in February 1964, was proclaimed by President Lyndon B. Johnson via Proclamation 3566 on December 30, 1963.
- The Congress, by joint resolution on that date, requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating February as American Heart Month.
- At that time, more than half the deaths in the U.S. were caused by cardiovascular disease.
- While American Heart Month is a federally designated month in the United States, it's important to realize that cardiovascular disease knows no borders. Cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, remains the leading global cause of death with more than 17.9 million deaths each year.
- That number is expected to rise to more than 23.6 million by 2030.

Chances are, we all know someone affected by heart disease and stroke, because about 2,300 Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day, an average of 1 death every 38 seconds. But together we can change that! National Wear Red Day is Friday, February 1st! -- Wear red to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and save lives.

The biggest part of living healthy comes down to simply making healthy choices. While you can't change things like age and family history, the good news is that even modest changes to your diet and lifestyle can improve your heart health and lower your risk by as much as 80 percent.

Did you know?

Cardiovascular diseases, which includes stroke, claim the lives of about one woman every 80 seconds unnecessarily -- because about 80 percent of cardiovascular diseases may be preventable with education and action.

Why is physical activity so important for health and wellbeing?

1. It's a natural mood lifter.
2. It keep you physically fit and able.
3. It keeps the doctors away.

Being more active can help you:

1. lower your blood pressure
2. boost your levels of good cholesterol
3. improve blood flow (circulation)
4. keep your weight under control
5. prevent bone loss that can lead to osteoporosis

<http://newsroom.heart.org/events/february-is-american-heart-month-6669831>.

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MARCH – NATIONAL COLON CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Don't Assume Everyone Knows

In February 2000, President Clinton officially dedicated March as National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Since then, it has grown to be a rallying point for the colon cancer community where thousands of patients, survivors, caregivers and advocates throughout the country join together to spread colorectal cancer awareness.

Colorectal cancer – cancer that starts in the colon or rectum – is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer death in men and women combined in the United States. Approximately 140,000 people are diagnosed and more than 50,000 people die from colon cancer in the U.S. annually. At the same time, colorectal cancer is also the most preventable and treatable type of cancer. The five-year survival rate for colorectal cancer found at the local stage is 90 percent, compared to 14 percent for colorectal cancer found at distant stages.

Healthy Lifestyle Choices
Men and Women
Stay away from tobacco.

There is no safe form of tobacco. If you smoke or chew tobacco, stop! Encourage the people around you to quit. It's also important to stay away from tobacco smoke. It also causes cancer, as well as many other health problems.



Get to and stay at a healthy weight.

Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for many types of cancer. You can control your weight with the choices you make about healthy eating and exercise:

- Avoiding excessive weight gain throughout life
- Balance the calories you take in with the amount of physical activity you do

If you are overweight, try to get to a healthy weight and stay there. Losing even a small amount of weight has health benefits and is a good place to start. Watching your portion sizes is an important part of weight control – especially for foods high in fat and sugar. Low-fat and fat-free doesn't always mean low-calorie, so read labels and try to eat vegetables, fruits, and whole grains in the place of higher-calorie foods.

Get moving.

Adults: Get at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity activity each week (or a combination of these), preferably spread throughout the week.

Children and adolescents: Get at least 1 hour of moderate- or vigorous-intensity activity each day,



with vigorous activity on at least 3 days each week.

Moderate activity is anything that makes you breathe as hard as you do during a brisk walk. During moderate activities, you'll notice a slight increase in heart rate and breathing. You should be able to talk, but not sing during the activity.

Vigorous activities are performed at a higher intensity. They cause an increased heart rate, sweating, and a faster breathing rate.

Don't be a couch potato - limit the amount of time you spend sitting. Doing some physical activity above usual activities, no matter what one's level of activity, can have many health benefits.

Eat healthy.

Eat at least 2 ½ cups of vegetables and fruits each day. They contain many vitamins and minerals, fiber, antioxidants, and other good-for-you substances. Because they are generally low in fat and calories, they may also help you stay at a healthy weight, which helps reduce your risk of cancer.

Choose whole-grain bread, pasta, and cereal instead of processed (refined) grains. Look for whole wheat, pumpernickel, rye, or oats as the first ingredient on the food label.

Minimize the amount of processed meats you eat (like cold cuts, bacon, and hot dogs), and limit your intake of red meats, such as beef, pork, and lamb. If you eat red meat, try lean meats and smaller portions. Also try skinless poultry, fish, or legumes (peas and beans) as healthier sources of protein.

Limit how much alcohol you drink.

Men should have no more than 2 drinks per day, and women should have no more than 1 drink per day. A drink is 12 ounces of regular beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1 ½ ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.

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 are interested in and let them know you would like to help:

- **Bataan Death March Committee:** Matt Schweers, Ann Jones, Grace Schweers, Becky Waters, Brad Waters, Anne Thompson, John Guill, and Bob Gregory.
- **Budget Committee:** José Vazquez, Mark Rios, Mike Kust, and Carl Dozier.
- **Awards Committee:** Brad Waters, Mark Rios, Tony Gravina, and Joe Hammers.
- **Membership Committee:** José Vazquez, John Guill, Mark Rios, and Gary Dunbar
- **Building Committee:** Carl Dozier, José Vazquez, Becky Waters and Chris Cameron.
- **Visiting Committee:** Chaplain Andy McMenamin
- **Health Committee:** Surgeon David Weber
- **Scholarship Committee:** Carl Dozier, Joe Hammers, Elizabeth Van Velzen, Andy McMenamin, and Kimball Thompson.

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

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 our Post – if you go through National make sure you indicate Post 2894!

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

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

You can become a VFW Life Member by paying a one-time fee as listed in the table below, or making an initial \$35 payment and then paying the remainder over an 11-month installment plan. You will be issued an annual membership card and can elect, upon receipt of the first monthly invoice, to pay via check, credit card or ACH Debit. The applicable Life Membership fee is determined from the schedule using the applicant's age on Dec. 31 of the installment plan year in which the application is submitted, regardless of actual date of birth. A permanent Life Membership card will be issued upon completion of this agreement.

Age	One-Time Payment	Installment Payment
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.

FEBRUARY MILITARY HISTORY

- 1 1800 USS 'Constellation' takes French 'Vengeance' in 5-hour night battle
1862 Julia Ward Howe's "Battle Hymn of Republic" is published
1865 Sherman begins marching through South Carolina
1968 Saigon: Nguyen Ngoc Loan summarily executes Viet Cong murderer
- 2 1848 Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo ends Mexican-American War
1901 US Army Nurse Corps established
1945 Escape attempt at Mauthausen concentration camp
1989 Soviet troops leave Afghanistan, ending 9 years of war
- 3 1783 Spain recognizes US independence
1943 USS Dorchester sunk – the "Four Chaplains" immortalized
- 4 1779 John Paul Jones takes command of 'Bonhomme Richard'
1941 USO (United Service Organization) is formed
1944 US 7th Infantry Division completes capture of Kwajalein
1945 Yalta Conference begins: FDR, Churchill, & Stalin
1959 Keel laid for USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65), 1st nuclear aircraft carrier
- 5 1918 Stephen W Thompson becomes first US pilot to down an enemy airplane
- 6 1778 France recognizes US, signs treaty of aid in Paris
1832 US ship destroys Sumatran village in retaliation for piracy
1899 Spanish-American War officially ends
1945 Battle for Manila begins
1945 Over 4,000 American POWs freed from Luzon prison camps
- 7 1800 Frigate USS 'Essex' becomes 1st U.S. warship to cross Equator
1945 General Douglas MacArthur returns to Manila
- 8 1865 Martin Delany becomes first black major in US Army
1910 Boy Scouts of America founded.
1918 "The Stars and Stripes" begins publication in France
- 9 1918 U.S. Army Chaplains' School formed at Fort Monroe
1943 Japanese complete evacuation of Guadalcanal, as US columns make contact at Cape Esperance, ending epic campaign
- 10 1676 Battle of Lancaster: Massachusetts militia attack & defeat Wampanoag Indians
1763 Treaty of Paris ends French & Indian/Seven Years' War
1807 Congress establishes US Coast Survey
1962 USSR swaps U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for spy Rudolph Abel
- 12 1948 First black Regular Army Nurse is commissioned: 1st Lt Nancy Leftenant; retires 1965 as major, USAF
1955 Pres Eisenhower sends US advisors to South Vietnam
- 13 1861 1st Medal of Honor action: Asst Surg Bernard Erwin, Apache Pass, Az (awarded 1894)
1945 Allies begin fire-bombing of Dresden, about 50,000 die
- 14 1778 USS Ranger carries recently adopted Stars and Stripes to foreign port for first time on arrival in France
1912 US sub 'E-1' (SS-24) commissioned, 1st American diesel boat
1945 US troops reach Bataan peninsula outside Manila
- 15 1856 USS 'Supply' loads 21 camels at Smyrna, Turkey, for US Army
1898 Havana Harbor: Second class battleship USS 'Maine' blows up from undetermined causes, 258 killed
1919 American Legion formed in Paris
1944 Italy: Allies commence bombing & shelling Monte Cassino
- 16 1804 Stephen Decatur retakes and burns USS 'Philadelphia', which had been captured by Dey of Tripoli
1945 US airborne forces land on Corregidor (fighting lasts until March 3)
1959 Fidel Castro becomes premier of Cuba
- 17 1621 Plymouth Colony elects Miles Standish "Captain" of militia
1864 CSS 'H.L. Hunley' sinks USS 'Housatonic', and herself: 1st submarine victory, albeit Pyrrhic
1915 Edward Stone, 1st US combatant to die in WW I, mortally wounded
1943 "Joltin' Joe" DiMaggio joins Army
1944 US forces land on Eniwetok Atoll, which is secured on Feb 22
1945 US Navy "frogmen" clearing beaches at Iwo Jima take heavy losses
1947 Voice of America begins broadcasting to USSR
- 18 1846 US Navy adopts "port" in place of traditional "larboard"
1865 Sherman captures Charleston, SC
1941 CINCUS Husband Kimmel writes, "I feel that an attack . . . on Pearl Harbor is a possibility."
- 19 1942 FDR orders internment of Japanese-Americans on West Coast
1943 Battle of Kasserine Pass: Rommel's panzers hit US troops
1943 US Naval forces under MacArthur designated Seventh Fleet
1945 US Marines land on Iwo Jima
- 20 1942 E. H. "Butch" O'Hare downs 5 Japanese aircraft, helping USS 'Lexington' (CV-2) beat off an air attack
1962 John Glenn becomes first American in orbit
- 21 1903 Cornerstone laid for Army War College (now NDU)
- 22 1821 Spain sells East Florida to United States
1909 Great White Fleet returns to Hampton Roads after world cruise
1915 Germany begins "restricted" submarine warfare
1935 Airplanes are prohibited from flying over White House
1942 FDR orders MacArthur to leave Philippines for Australia
1943 'Iowa' (BB-61) commissioned in Brooklyn
1944 US Eighth Air Force erroneously bombs Enschede, Arnhem, Nijmegen, Netherlands, kill about 800
1974 First woman naval aviator: Lt, j.g., Barbara Ann Allen
- 23 1778 Baron von Steuben joins Continental Army at Valley Forge
1795 USN Supply Corps founded as Office of Purveyor of Supplies
1836 Santa Anna lays siege to Alamo, stormed on March 6
1903 US leases Guantanamo Bay from Cuba for \$4,000 a year; Castro has refused to cash checks since 1959
1942 Japanese submarine 'I-17' shells Elwood, California.
1945 Iwo Jima: 28th Marines raise US flag on Mount Suribachi
1945 Operation Grenade: Gen Simpson's Ninth Army attacks Ruhr
1945 Liberation of captives in Japanese internment camp at Los Baños, Philippines
1946 Yamashita Tomoyuki, 60, Japanese general, "Tiger of Malaya", hanged by Allies
1979 Frank Peterson Jr. becomes first black Marine Corps general
- 24 1779 George Rogers Clark captures Vincennes from British
1917 Britain gives "Zimmermann Note" to US, revealing German

- efforts to get Mexico to invade southwest
- 1945 Manila liberated, after heavy fighting & serious civilian casualties
- 1968 US and Vietnamese troops complete liberation of Hue City
- 1991 Ground Phase of Operation Desert Storm begins, resulting in liberation of Kuwait from Iraqi occupation
- 25 1836 Samuel Colt patents a practical revolver
- 1945 First B-29 fire bomb raid on Tokyo, burns 10,000 acres
- 26 1775 Battle of Salem, Mass.: British expedition to seize colonists' arms is turned back, "Leslie's Retreat"
- 1848 Marx & Engels publish "The Communist Manifesto"
- 1863 Lincoln signs National Currency Act, establishing greenbacks
- 1940 US Air Defense Command established at Mitchell Field, LI, NY
- 1942 USN aviator Don Mason signals, "Sighted sub, sank same"
- 1944 First woman USN captain, Sue Dauser, Navy Nurse Corps
- 1949 USAF plane begins first nonstop around-the-world flight
- 1993 Islamist terrorists bomb World Trade Center, 7 die
- 2001 Taliban destroy Great Buddhas of Bamiyan, in Afghanistan
- 27 1704 Indian raid on Deerfield, Ma; 40 die, 100 captured
- 1991 Operation Desert Storm: ground operations end, Iraqis ousted from Kuwait
- 28 1893 USS 'Indiana' (BB-1) launched, first American 1st class battleship
- 1991 Desert Storm ground war ends after 100 hours
- 29 1692 Salem witch trials begin
- 1704 Deerfield Massacre: French & Indian raid on Mass. town leaves about 100 dead
- 1864 President Lincoln signs U.S. Grant's commission as first substantive lieutenant general in army since Washington
- 1814 Battle of Longwood: Americans defeat British, near Wardsville, Ontario.
- 1861 CSA adopts "Stars & Bars" as national flag
- 1877 5-times wounded veteran Rutherford B Hayes inaugurated as president
- 1881 Former Maj Gen James A Garfield inaugurated as president
- 1889 Bvt Brig Gen. Benjamin Harrison inaugurated as 21st president
- 1897 Bvt Maj William McKinley inaugurated as 23rd president
- 1943 Battle of Bismarck Sea ends: Japanese lost 12 ships, thousands of men.
- 5 1770 The Boston Massacre
- 1821 Veteran James Monroe is inaugurated as 5th president
- 1945 US VII Corps captures Cologne (Köln)
- 1960 Elvis honorably discharged from US Army
- 6 1822 USS 'Enterprise' captures 4 pirate ships in Gulf of Mexico
- 1831 Edgar Allen Poe expelled from West Point
- 1836 Santa Anna's Mexicans storm Alamo, after 13 day siege
- 1944 USAF begins daylight bombing of Berlin
- 7 1774 British close port of Boston to all commerce
- 1876 Alexander Graham Bell is granted a patent for telephone
- 1942 First black cadets graduate from USAAF flying school at Tuskegee
- 1945 9th Arm Div captures Ludendorff Bridge over Rhine at Remagen and enters Germany
- 8 1945 1st African-American Navy Nurse commissioned: Ens. Phyllis Daley
- 1945 Luzon: Sixth Army offensive against Japanese Shimbu Line.
- 1950 First woman medical officer assigned to US naval vessel: B R Walters
- 1950 USSR announces development of atomic bomb
- 1958 'Wisconsin' (BB-64) decommissioned: for first time in 62 years, USN has no battleships in commission
- 1965 Vietnam: First US combat troops arrive (3,500 Marines)
- 9 1798 Dr George Balfour appointed first surgeon in USN
- 1847 Winfield Scott lands army at Veracruz, Mexico, and begins siege.
- 1862 Battle of Hampton Roads II: USS 'Monitor' fights CSS 'Virginia' to a draw, preserving blockade
- 1945 US B-29s bomb Tokyo, est. 80,000-120,000 die - highest toll in a single air raid, exceeding even atomic bombs
- 10 1942 NY's 27th Inf Div sails for Hawaii - first division to ship out in WW II.
- 11 1779 US Army Corps of Engineers established
- 1942 Bataan: MacArthur leaves for Mindanao on PT-Boat
- 1943 American Volunteer Group ("Flying Tigers") renamed Fourteenth Air Force
- 12 1912 Girl Scouts of America founded
- 1942 Burma: Joseph Stilwell assumes combined U.S./Chinese command.
- 1947 US announces "Truman Doctrine," to fight communism
- 13 1942 Julia Flikke, Nurse Corps, becomes first woman colonel in US Army
- 15 1493 Columbus returns to Spain from his first voyage
- 1781 Battle of Guilford Court House: British barely defeat Colonists and retire from Carolinas to Yorktown, Virginia
- 1916 Pershing begins 10-month pursuit of Pancho Villa in Mexico
- 1944 Abbey of Monte Cassino destroyed by Allied bombing
- 16 1882 US Senate ratifies treaty establishing International Red Cross
- 1945 Iwo Jima: organized Japanese resistance ends, mopping up continues.
- 1968 My Lai Massacre, perhaps 450 die
- 1985 AP correspondent Terry Anderson taken hostage in Beirut

MARCH MILITARY HISTORY

- 1 1781 Continental Congress adopts "Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union."
- 1954 Bikini: US detonates 15 megaton hydrogen bomb
- 1954 Puerto Rican nationalists open fire in Congress, 5 wounded
- 1961 Peace Corps is established
- 2008 USS 'New York' (LPD-21), incorporating steel from World Trade Center, christened at New Orleans
- 2 1776 Americans begin shelling British troops in Boston
- 1807 Congress bans importation of slaves effective Jan 1, 1808
- 1836 Texas declares independence from Mexico
- 1859 Paddle steamer USS 'Saginaw' commissioned, first American warship built on West Coast, at Mare Island
- 1867 US Navy Civil Engineering Corps founded
- 1938 15th Infantry leaves China after 26 years in garrison at Tientsin & Peking.
- 1945 Philippines: Japanese resistance on Corregidor ends.
- 3 1776 US squadron under Commo Esek Hopkins attacks Nassau, Bahamas: First American overseas expedition
- 1813 Office of Surgeon General of US Army is established
- 1815 Second Barbary War: US declares war on Algiers for piratical acts, 3 years after Algerians declared war on US
- 1863 Congress passes "Enrollment Act," initiating federal conscription
- 1871 US Navy Medical Corps established
- 1899 George Dewey is promoted to Admiral of the Navy
- 1915 Congress authorizes a Chief of Naval Operations (CNO)
- 1915 Congress creates Naval Reserve
- 1931 Congress adopts "Star Spangled Banner" as national anthem
- 4 1789 U.S. Constitution goes into effect

- 17 1762 First St Patrick's Day parade in New York City
- 1776 British forces evacuate Boston; George Washington orders extra gill of whiskey to every Irish soldier in army
- 1966 US mini-sub locates missing H-bomb in Mediterranean off Palomares, Spain
- 18 1776 George Washington's army occupies Boston
- 1952 Communist offensive in Korea begins
- 1951 Herman Wouk's novel "Caine Mutiny" is published
- 1989 Maiden flight of Boeing V-22 Osprey VTOL aircraft
- 19 2003 Operation Iraqi Freedom begins (2003-2011)
- 20 1852 Harriet Beecher Stowe's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" published
- 1896 Marines land in Nicaragua to protect US citizens
- 1922 First US carrier commissioned: 'Langley' (CV-1)
- 1939 Naval Research Lab proposes development of nuke power
- 1942 Gen MacArthur vows "I shall return"
- 21 1866 Congress authorizes national soldiers' homes
- 1942 Jimmy Stewart enlists in USAAF
- 1946 Strategic Air Command is formed
- 1951 Julius & Ethel Rosenberg convicted of espionage
- 22 1622 1st Indian War: Powhatan attacks Jamestown, 347 die
- 1794 Congress prohibits export of slaves from United States.
- 1917 3rd Lt. Elmer F. Stone becomes USCG Aviator No. 1
- 1945 Patton's Third Army crosses Rhine
- 23 1775 Virginian Patrick Henry famously states "...give me liberty or give me death!"
- 1806 Lewis & Clark reach Pacific Coast
- 1882 USN establishes Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI)
- 1903 Wright Brothers receive patent for their airplane
- 1957 US army sells its last homing pigeons
- 1965 Gemini 3 launched, first US 2-man space flight (Grissom & Young)
- 2003 USMC Task Force Tarawa captures An Nasiriyah after hot fight
- 24 1898 Battleships 'Kearsarge' (BB 5) & 'Kentucky' (BB 6) launched at Newport News
- 1919 New York's 27th Division returns from Great War, marches up Fifth Avenue
- 1920 1st USCG air station established, Morehead City, NC
- 1944 The Great Escape: 76 Allied officers flee Stalag Luft 3
- 1945 Operation Varsity: Allied airborne crossing of Rhine
- 1945 Gen. George S. Patton pisses in Rhine from pontoon bridge near Oppenheim, Germany
- 1986 US & Libya air-sea clash in Gulf of Sidra
- 1999 Kosovo Campaign begins
- 25 1655 Battle at Annapolis, MD: between Puritans & Royalists
- 1813 USS 'Essex' takes 'Neryeda', first USN victory in Pacific
- 1905 Most battle flags captured during Civil War returned to South
- 1915 1st USN submarine disaster: USS 'F-4' sinks off Hawaii, 21 die
- 1945 US First Army breaks out of Remagen bridgehead
- 26 1943 First woman awarded Air Medal: Army Nurse Elsie Ott
- 1945 Okinawa: Kamikaze attack US fleet
- 1951 USAF flag approved
- 27 1794 Congress approves construction of 6 frigates, including USS 'Constitution'
- 1814 Battle of Horseshoe Bend: Andrew Jackson defeats Creeks
- 1945 Wiesbaden falls to US XX Corps
- 29 1973 Last US troops leave Vietnam, 9 years after Tonkin Gulf
- 31 1854 Commo Perry forces Japan to open ports to foreign trade
- 1917 US gains Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25 million
- 1968 LBJ announces he will not seek re-election
- 1995 Somalia Campaign ends

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:



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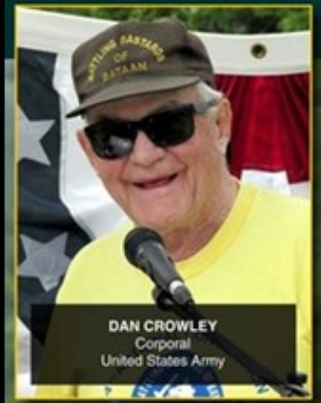
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Semper fidelis, *Chris Mulholland*

**YOUR AD COULD
BE HERE!!!**

BATAAN DEATH MARCH



DAN CROWLEY
Corporal
United States Army

MEMORIAL WALK 2020

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA

9th ANNUAL

*Military displays and
Lots of family friendly activities!*



Ceremony	1200 noon
1-mile walk	1100 am
5-mile walk	1000 am
16.6-mile walk	0700 am

18 APRIL 2020

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Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

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Register by April 10 at <http://walkchesapeake.wixsite.com/chesapeakebataan/register>

Walk-on registrations welcome

POST 2894 CALENDAR

<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
1	National Freedom Day
2	Groundhog Day
10	District 2 Mtg, Post 8545 Smithfield (1200 lunch/1300 meeting)
12	Lincoln's Birthday
12	Post Mtg, 1900 (7 pm)/Slate of Officers
14	♥ Valentine's Day ♥
17	Presidents' Day
20	Home Depot home remodel
22	Washington's Birthday
26	Ash Wednesday

<u>MARCH</u>	
1	Scout of the Year Nominations due
8	Daylight savings begins
10	Daylight savings begins ("spring ahead")
11	Post Meeting, 1900 (7 pm)/Nomination of Officers
14	St. Patrick's Day Parade, Norfolk (10 am)
17	♣ St. Patrick's Day ♣
20	First Day of Spring
26	Anniversary of Post founding (1996)
30	National Vietnam Veterans Day ('73)
31	Patriotic Artist Nominations due

Remember, this is a leap year!

18 APRIL – BATAAN DEATH MARCH MEMORIAL WALK!!!



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