

VFW OBJECTIVES:

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



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Post 2894

Meetings

2nd Wednesday of month – 7:00 pm
Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge,
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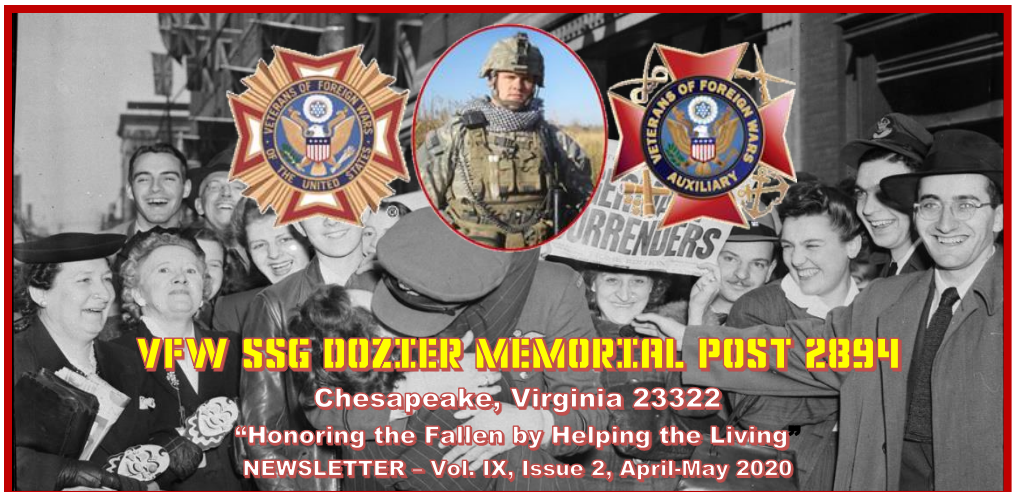
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2020 BATAAN DEATH MARCH MEMORIAL WALK IS CANCELLED!!

As the impact of the COVID-19 emergency continues to grow, we felt that it was in the best interest and safety of the community to cancel this year's Annual Chesapeake Bataan Death March. VFW Post 2894 will continue to explore ways to raise funds for local Veterans, especially during this difficult time.

If you have registered for the event, you will receive a full refund. If you preordered a T-shirt, we will also repay your deposit. Our sponsors can expect a letter from our Post Commander expressing

gratitude and details regarding the management of donations.

Thank you for all your support. We pray that everyone gets through this trying time healthy and with a stronger sense of community. From the many interactions we have been honored to share with Bataan Survivors over the years, we have learned time and time again that faith in family, country and God will give us the strength to persevere.

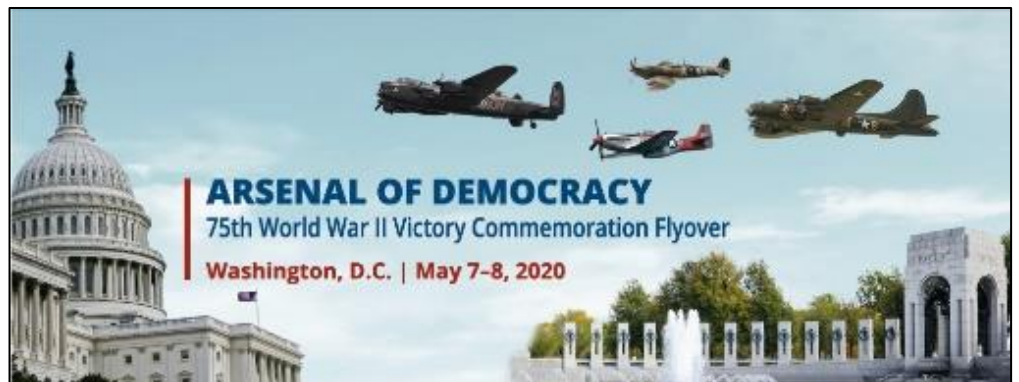
Very Respectfully,

Matt Schweers, VFW Post 2894
Bataan Death March Coordinator

75th WWII Victory Commemoration Flyover, May 8th

In honor of the 75th anniversary of VE Day, nearly 100 vintage warplanes will fly along the Potomac River and across the National Mall in Washington

39 Airacobra, P-38 Lightning, P-51 Mustang, P-47 Thunderbolt, F4U Corsair, B-25 Mitchell, and B-17 Flying Fortress among the planes.



DC in 24 formations, representing major battles of the war and marking Victory in Europe (V-E) Day. Viewers can expect to see the P-40 Warhawk, P-

As part of a five-day slate of educational and commemorative activities in and around the nation's

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

At the time that I am writing this, we are in the middle of the Wuhan flu quandary. Lots of scheduled events are being cancelled, even our own 9th Annual Bataan Death March Memorial Walk. A letter from the Committee Chair, Matt Schweers, is the lead article in this edition of the newsletter. We are currently looking at alternate date(s) and/or alternate event(s) to make up for the loss of our biggest fundraiser. Any and all ideas are welcome!

The cancelled events included our annual participation in the Norfolk St. Patrick's Day Parade. We may have to conduct our April meeting via "other means" – we may hold our election of officers via electronic means. More word to come.

As of this writing, our Post membership is at 108%! We are within the top 40 posts worldwide! Thanks to everyone's help in recruiting and getting the word out about our Post! And welcome aboard to our new comrades!

I want to give a great shout-out to a couple of members who have really given their all in helping veterans and their families: Rich Johnson and José Vazquez volunteer for every project, driving many miles and spending many hours planning projects, acquiring the material, and getting their hands dirty. Along with them have been Kimball Thompson and John Peterson who have consistently volunteered their free time to helping with whatever is needed at the work site. Kimball's carpentry expertise has been gratefully accepted! We also owe a huge debt to our Service Officers, Jim Ireland and Gary Dunbar. These two are the reason why our Post is thought of so highly by everyone in the community. They ferret out projects, find needy veterans, and line up sponsors and donors. Without them, none of our projects would come to fruition. Thank you, all of you!

Our post elections are just around the corner on April 8th. We've got a great slate of officers for the coming year thanks to the work of Carl Dozier.

Our annual Post Awards Ceremony is on May 13th. We looked at having it in the City Council Chambers but there's a schedule conflict so we're going to hold it at our normal meeting place again. We've invited a number of dignitaries from around the area to attend and help honor our award winners.



For Memorial Day, don't forget to set aside the

weekend of 16-17 May for the Buddy Poppy Drive, and the 25th for the ceremony in front of City Hall.

We are well on the way to duplicating our success from the last FOUR straight years as an All-American Post! We have successfully completed all our requirements for the year. If you know of anyone who is eligible for the VFW and would like to give back to the community while helping veterans, please encourage them to consider joining our Post.

Don't forget that May 5th is election day in Chesapeake!

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

Chris Mulholland, Commander

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Spring Greetings. I would like to say Welcome to the Auxiliary's newest members, Sharon Peterson and Caterina Dunbar. We hope you enjoy working with the VFW Post and Auxiliary to help Veterans and teach our Youth through the Programs we have about Patriotism and what sacrifices were made by the Veterans to create our Great Country. Thank You for joining our family.

Due to the Virus, the next couple of months will be challenging. As we figure out about the April meeting, you will be notified.

On May 9th we will be going to the Third Annual Holland Ruritan Club's Custom Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show to sell the Die-Cast Cars, trucks and Hot Wheels. We got a donation of about 90 more cars and they are different than what we have so hopefully we will do well. Of course, they might cancel the show, time will tell.

We will communicate any date changes but we must all do what we can to reduce the risk of this Virus. Be Healthy and Safe until we meet again.

Thanks for what you do for the Veterans.

Sandy Dunbar, President



RUN FOR THE FALLEN, 30 APRIL

Virginia's Run for the Fallen is a statewide relay foot run that pays tribute to every Virginia military service

member who has died while serving or as a result of serving during the War on Terror, since October 12, 2000. It is held every first weekend in May and covers 250 miles through fourteen counties and commemorates more than 700 names.

A core team of marathon-trained runners, along with a support crew – to include a group of students from Grassfield High School sponsored by Post 2894 – runs a specific timed schedule, with stops at one mile intervals at pre-placed markers where the names of fallen service member(s), date of death, and branch of service are read outloud.



Family members, friends and patriots wait at their marker to meet the runners and hear each name called out in a

short ceremony. Each ceremonial stop is less than 1 minute as runners then continue toward the next marker.

2020's Run for the Fallen kicks off on Thursday morning, April 30, 2020, at 6:30 a.m. at Fort Story, Virginia, with a "start" ceremony for the four-day, 250 plus mile journey through Virginia to the finish at Arlington National Cemetery outside Washington DC.

On Sunday (May 3rd) afternoon, as the run enters the cemetery gates there will again be opportunities for the public to show their support and walk alongside for the last mile from Fort Myer's Old Post Chapel at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall to Cemetery Section 60, where many Virginia heroes have been lain to rest.

The Gold Star heroes from Chesapeake will be remembered on April 30th at the following locations:

- LCpl Kielen Dunn, USMC – 7:53 am, mile marker 1-005: intersection of Shore Drive and Route 343 (entrance to First Landing State Park)
- SSG Jonathan Dozier, USA – 8:03 am, 1-006; intersection of Shore Drive and W. Great Neck Road (in front of McDonald's)
- CPL George Lutz II, USA – 8:14 am, 1-007C; intersection of Shore Drive and Page Avenue
- LCpl Cody Childers, USMC – 8:25 am, 1-008A; intersection of Shore Drive and Albemarle Avenue
- SGT Michael Peek, USA – 8:40 am, 1-009A; 4360 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23455
- PFC Andrew Tuazon, USA – 8:51 am, 1-010A; intersection of Shore Drive and Joslin Road
- SOC Kevin Houston, USN – 9:19 am, 1-012F; across from intersection of Shore Drive and Diamond Springs Road
- Sgt Bradley Harper, USMC – 9:30 am, 1-013C; across from intersection of Shore Drive and Flowerfield Road
- LCpl Steven Phillips, USMC – 9:30 am, 1-013A; across from intersection of Shore Drive and Flowerfield Road

- SPC Pendleton Sykes II, USA – 9:40 am, 1-014A; across from intersection of Shore Drive and 22nd Bay Street (in front of East Beach Veterinary Care)
- SFC William Woods, Jr., USA – 9:51 am, 1-015A; intersection of Shore Drive and 9th Bay Street
- 1st Lt Michael Johnson, USMC is not on this list as he is commemorated in the Indiana Run for the Fallen. The Post flag will be present at each of these stops and members are encouraged to come out and remember these young heroes.

JROTC CEREMONY, 13 MAY

Every year, the AFJROTC cadets of the six high schools in Chesapeake gather for a night of recognition and awards. The VFW Award is presented to two cadets from each school who have exhibited outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership abilities. This year's event will be at Indian River High School at 6 pm and is open to the public. All Post members are encouraged to come out and honor these enthusiastic and patriotic youngsters.



WWII FLYOVER WASHINGTON DC, 8 MAY

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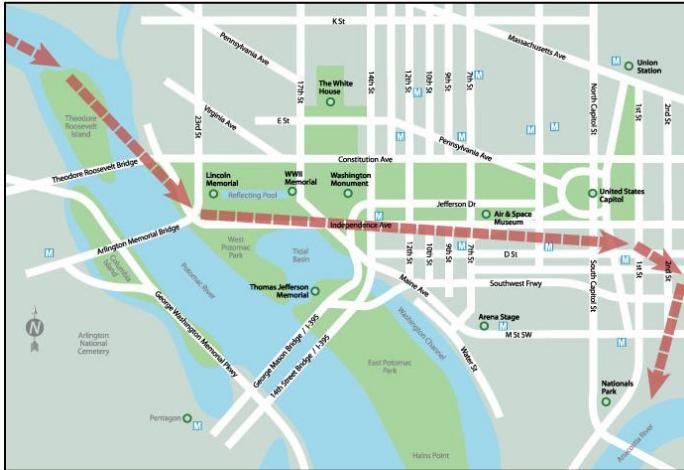
capital, the flyover will coincide with a ceremony for veterans at the National World War II Memorial, hosted by the Friends of the National World War II Memorial, and will consist of over 100 vintage warbirds of various types flying over the National Mall in 24 separate, historically sequenced formations. The formations will represent WWII's major battles, from Battle of Britain through the final air assault on Japan and will conclude with a missing man formation. The Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission will dedicate the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Memorial on the day of the flyover. This memorial is being constructed directly across Independence Avenue from the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum. It will honor Eisenhower as the 34th president of the United States and as Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe in World War II, recognizing him as the last general to serve as president of the United States and one who led the Allied Forces to victory defeating Nazi tyranny.

On May 8, 2015, the group organized a similar event for the 70th anniversary of V-E Day. The 2020 event will nearly double the number of aircraft.

"When you look at the 75th anniversary of the culmination of the greatest epic struggle this planet has ever known and you think about the age of the men and women who were involved in that conflict both fighting the war and on the home front, this is probably the last

time we can get them together in a national tribute to say thanks,” said Pete Bunce, an Arsenal of Democracy Executive Planning Committee member and the president and CEO of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association, at a news conference Jan. 7 in Washington, D.C.

In 2018, the Department of Veterans Affairs estimated there are just under a half million living American veterans of World War II.



For more information about the flyover, see the Arsenal of Democracy 75th World War II Victory Commemoration Flyover website: <https://ww2flyover.org>

Why Russia Celebrates V-E Day on a Different Day Than Everyone Else

Seventy-five years ago, international politics and a technical glitch delayed the end of World War II for an hour.

*by Kathy Gilsinan, staff writer at **The Atlantic**, May 8, 2015*

Seventy years ago today, Germany’s surrender to the Allies took effect, marking the formal end of World War II in Europe.

Or did it?

Americans, Brits, and the French mark the date of the Allied Victory in Europe (V-E Day) on May 8; Russians celebrate the occasion on May 9. It’s not just a time-zone difference, but a tale of two cities, two documents, a few missing sentences, and about 75 minutes.



Field Marshall Wilhelm Keitel signing the German surrender in Berlin. National Archives

Rumors of a German surrender had begun to circulate in late April 1945, when the Associated Press filed what proved to be an erroneous report announcing that the Germans had capitulated during a peace conference in San Francisco. But it was clear by then that the German offensive was unravelling. Adolf Hitler killed himself in his bunker on April 30, 1945; in the days that followed, his successor Karl Doenitz oversaw a series of ceasefires. “German divisions were surrendering across Europe,” David Kiley wrote in the military newspaper *Stars and Stripes* on Thursday. “Allied units were liberating concentration camps. German-run radio stations were reporting that the Wehrmacht was smashed.”

On May 7, General Alfred Jodl, the chief of staff to the German army, arrived in Reims, France with Doenitz’s authorization to surrender. Kiley’s father, Staff Sergeant Charles Kiley, was in the room as a reporter for *Stars and Stripes* when the German general signed the document. “The surrender was signed in five minutes in the war room at Supreme Headquarters here, 55 miles east of Compiegne Forest where Germany surrendered to the Allies in the last war, November 11, 1918, and the scene of the capitulation of France to the Third Reich in this war June 21, 1940,” Charles Kiley wrote. The surrender was intended to take effect the following day, May 8, 1945, at 11:01 p.m. Central European Time.

“There were no dramatics during the surrender,” Kiley reported, noting that Jodl was “erect and expressionless, his uniform neat, his boots highly polished” and his face “impassive” as he signed.

But the signature of Jodl, a relatively low-ranking general, was not enough—especially not for the Soviet Union, which had suffered by far the most casualties among the Allies fighting the Germans. The reason had to do with the last time Germany surrendered, 55 miles to the west, in 1918. The surrender had been signed by a civilian politician who opposed the war and not by Germany’s top military commander. Hitler and his allies later claimed this meant that German forces hadn’t really lost, but had been “stabbed in the back” by their political opponents. Determined to avoid this outcome after World War II, the Soviets insisted that the head of Germany’s Armed Forces High Command, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, surrender personally to Joseph Stalin’s representative in Berlin.

On May 8, Keitel arrived in Karlshorst, a Berlin suburb, to ratify the surrender and formalize the end of the war. But there was a problem. “Apparently, the Russian text was delivered incomplete in Berlin and lacked a few sentences,” according to a *Deutsche Welle* report from 1970. The Reims surrender was due to take effect at 11:01 p.m., but the final version of the document didn’t reach Keitel until some 75 minutes after that. The field marshal affixed his signature to the revised surrender in the early-morning hours of May 9, hence the enduring confusion and controversy over when exactly World War II ended in Europe.

The difference seems not to have been a big deal at the time. The Soviets accepted the May 7 document from Reims—if only as an interim document—and the other Allies agreed with Soviet insistence on ratification by Germany’s highest-ranking military commander. But during the Cold War, “a subtle battle broke out to hijack historical perspectives,” *Deutsche Welle*

explained. “The scene in Karlshorst was perceived as a propaganda move staged especially for Stalin.”

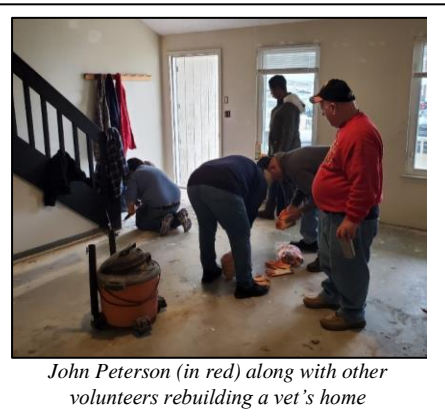
If this battle over World War II history started out subtle, it hasn’t stayed that way. [In 2015], Russia [celebrated] its Victory Day, which President Vladimir Putin has called the country’s “biggest holiday,” without Western politicians, who [boycotted] the event in protest of Russian actions in Ukraine. “Nobody in the West is even hiding that the whole issue of not coming to Russia is not based on what the population of Europe thinks about the issue, but is owing to extreme pressure from Washington,” a Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman told *The Guardian*.

As *Deutsche Welle* pointed out, “Nothing really happened on May 8, 1945.”

OTHER POST NEWS

• Post Members Rebuild Disabled Veteran’s Home.

On February 20th, five Post members and 12 Home Depot employees spent the entire day working on the home of a disabled veteran on the Chesapeake/ Virginia Beach border. They removed all the carpeting, painted all the



John Peterson (in red) along with other volunteers rebuilding a vet’s home

trim and the walls, replaced all 13 interior doors with new ones, and swept and cleaned the home for new flooring. They spent almost 9 hours doing all this work, and they were “tired but in good spirits” at the end

of the day. Thanks to Jim Ireland for organizing the whole activity, and John Peterson, Ron Mayfield and Jose Vazquez for donating their sweat, time and labor to helping another veteran. Bravo Zulu!!!

• Post Comrade Becomes Commandant!



Post comrade Eric Van Velzen recently retired from the Coast Guard (he also served in the Marine Corps) and traveled around the country for a spell. But he received a call he couldn’t turn down from his alma mater, Texas A&M and accepted the job as Commandant of Texas A&M’s Maritime Academy (TAMMA) in Galveston, Texas! Eric is an ’02 A&M grad so it’s a homecoming for him! He

started his new position in early February. TAMMA is one of six maritime academies in the US. It is a prestigious, highly specialized maritime training and education program embedded within Texas A&M University at Galveston, which is a branch of Texas A&M University at College Station, Texas. The mission of TAMMA is to provide the maritime industries of the State of Texas and the US with highly trained and professional U.S. Coast Guard licensed Merchant Officers (deck/engine) to serve on ocean-going and inland waterways vessels. To meet this mission, TAMMA includes a Corps of Cadets for which Eric is now the commandant. The purpose of the Corps is to develop leaders of character dedicated to serving the greater good. Part of Eric’s responsibilities include oversight of the Navy ROTC program, which provides the opportunity for qualified Cadets to commission and serve in the US Navy. Cadets also have the option to request active duty in the Marine Corps (Platoon Leaders Course – PLC) or a direct commission in the Coast Guard. ***Congratulations Commandant Eric!!!***

• Post Builds New Ramp for Disabled Korean War Veteran.

Post members built a new wheelchair ramp for an elderly disabled veteran who recently suffered a stroke and is now a fulltime wheelchair user. We invited crew members of the USS Bush (CVN-77) to come help and 12 joined us over the two days – one sailor even came off leave to help! The veteran’s wife said, it’s “better than expected and we can’t believe what a great ramp it is! It’s something we’re proud of and we couldn’t be happier!” Supplies were donated by a local Lowe’s store.



Post comrade John Peterson (in ball cap) provides direction to a USS Bush sailor

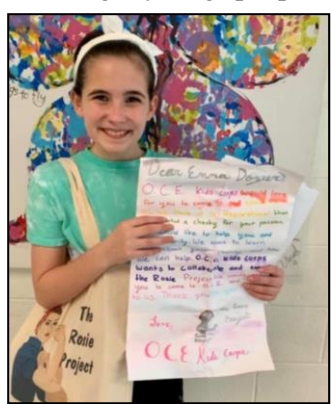
• Becky Waters Organized Dinners for NEST Program.



Post comrade Becky Waters retired from the Navy and then attended the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). Since graduating, she has involved herself in many charitable activities where she can use her culinary skills. During the first week of March, she designed the menus, organized the volunteers, cooked and then served meals for the Norfolk

Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) program at a local church in Chesapeake. They hosted about 100 homeless each night, many of them veterans. As she wrote, "Feeding the Homeless is different than regular restaurant food. Your guest is going through a harrowing time based upon current circumstance, many may have mental health issues and or addictions. When planning the menu, one must take these items into account. For example, with NEST, our guests will be spending the night...that means many will not have access to alcohol. One way to "help" stave off alcohol craving in the short term is to ensure the body has access to sugar. It might not be healthy in the long term...but it does help to battle those demons for the night. Have a blessed day!"

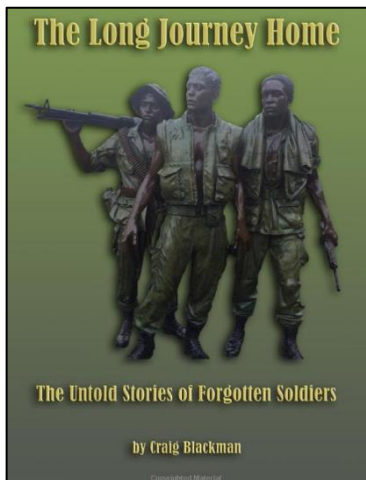
• **Emma Dozier and the Rosie Project.** Emma Dozier, the daughter of Gold Star Hero Jonathan Dozier, our Post's namesake, started an initiative called The Rosie Project. The goal is to curb homeless and food insecurity in Wake County, North Carolina. Her hope is two-fold: to encourage young people to make small and positive



impacts in their communities, and to make life's insecurities brief and manageable. Born out of her love for the real life Rosie the Riveter, Emma wants to show people of all backgrounds that when we work hard together, we can accomplish anything! Recently, she was invited to address the Olive Chapel

Elementary Kids Corps at their school! Emma was super excited to share her mission with them and is really looking forward to teaming up with a great group of kids to help combat problems associated with homelessness and food insecurity.

• **Our National Teacher of the Year Has Published a Book.** Our 2015 VFW National Teacher of the Year, Craig Blackman of Indian River High School, recently published a book about all the Gold Star Heroes of the Vietnam War from Chesapeake called "The Long Journey Home: The Untold Stories of Forgotten Soldiers". Several members of the Post helped him with research, information, proof reading and editing. The book is now on sale for \$11 on Amazon. "The Long Journey Home is the story of how a diverse group



of post-millennial students rediscovered their local history and truly understood the cost of war. They went beyond the leaning objectives and developed relationships with the mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, and friends of twenty-five fallen soldiers. Black and white, single and married, these soldiers were farm boys, construction workers, mechanics, bus boys, college students, and business managers who deployed to the jungles of Southeast Asia never to return. Like other teenagers of their time, these soldiers enjoyed hunting, fishing, singing, surfing, baseball, ham radios, and riding motorcycles. *The Long Journey Home* is the story of tears and sadness, patriotism and sacrifice, heroism and comradery. The high school students who engaged in this project will never be the same. Interacting with the Gold Star families forever sculpted them emotionally and intellectually. May we always remember that sacrifice without remembrance is meaningless!"

• **Post Comrade Elected Commander of American Legion Post 280.** As many of you already know, American Legion Post 280 is facing some tough times. Their national charter was suspended, their city lease has



been (temporarily) cancelled, and they are under investigation for possible financial difficulties. Their entire leadership was removed from office and an emergency election held on March 14th. And wouldn't you know it, one of our own is now the new

Commander! Rich Johnson has been a long-time member of Post 280 as well as their head bartender so he is well aware of the issues at the Post. We wish him well and will provide him all the support he needs!

• **Other Post Assistance.** During the past two months, the Post has helped a number of individuals and their families. We helped two families after they had disastrous home fires (one active duty, the other a Vietnam veteran), we donated a hospital bed, Hoyer lift, and powered wheelchair to a veteran who recently suffered a motorcycle accident and lost his leg, and we provided another wheelchair to another disabled veteran. Your Post truly lives to the saying, "Honoring the Fallen by Helping the Living"!

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:

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORTS

All of us are contributing to our community in many different ways. Some are Scout leaders, others active participants in church activities; some are coaches, others board members. You've attended funerals for veterans; visited them in hospitals, brought them meals, etc. etc. All of these activities are reportable as community activities by Post members. The VFW Department of Virginia has an on-line reporting system (<http://va.vfwportal.net/public/index.php>, password is "post2894") where you can add the entries yourself. If you're uncomfortable doing that, drop me an email telling me what you've done and I'll make the entries myself. Chris Mulholland

CHAPLAIN'S FOXHOLE

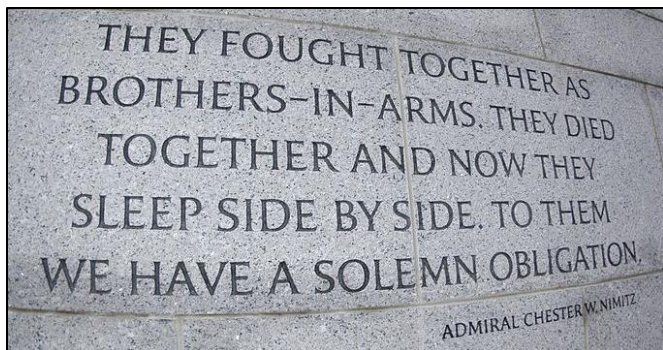
A Prayer for Memorial Day: Remembering Those Who Have Fought for Our Freedom
by Debbie McDaniel

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

Freedom is a gift, it's a treasure. And though we all may agree on that truth, it's often easy to take for granted the greatest gifts that God has given us in our lives.

But those most precious gifts are never free. They came with a price. With sacrifice. They were worth fighting for. And are still worth fighting for today. Many brave men and women were willing to face hard battles in order for us to enjoy that gift of freedom today.

For all those who have protected our nation, for the men and women in uniform, together, we say "Thank



You."

We take time to remember today, and say a prayer of gratefulness for the many who have been willing to pay a great price for our freedom. May God help us to live so courageously, may we follow the brave examples of those who have gone before us...

Thank you for reminding us that there's incredible love and sacrifice displayed when one is willing to stand strong and fight for freedom.

This service of love and sacrifice on behalf of all people, points us directly to the greatest love of all, the very gift and sacrifice of Christ.

Our Savior was willing to pay the ultimate price, so that we can live free. Forever.

May God bless America, and all of those who have sacrificed so greatly for our freedom, and faithfully served our nation!

SAFETY CORNER APRIL IS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

Drivers today are more distracted than ever. From texting to eating to settling sibling disputes in the back seat, there are countless distractions that can fatefully take your focus off the road. It's no wonder that in 2013 as many as 424,000 people were involved in accidents relating to distracted driving.

National Distracted Driving Awareness has been celebrated every April since 2009. As such, many organizations and public personalities have launched road safety campaigns and initiatives to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

Calls Kill

The National Safety Council (NSC) launched a country-wide campaign, Calls Kill, to illustrate that hands-free cell phones are not risk-free, and no call is worth a life. The NSC urges drivers to take the Focused Driver Challenge to not use a cell phone while driving, even a hands-free device. Participants are then encouraged to share it on their Facebook walls. The NSC writes, "In your post, state why you've taken the pledge, tag the National Safety Council and tag three friends you want to stay safe. Please use #CallsKill." Visit nsc.org/CallsKill for more information.



Scary Statistics About Distracted Driving

Think about the time it takes you to enter an address into a map app on your phone, or type a message to a friend telling them you're running a few minutes late. In your mind it only takes a second or two, but in reality, it takes *at least* five. To put that into perspective, if you were going 55 mph, that's like driving the length of one football field without looking. In fact, texting while driving makes a crash 23 times more likely. (By the way, texting while stopped at a stop sign or red light counts, too.) And if texting weren't bad enough, one in five people have admitted to surfing the web while driving. In these scenarios, dangerous would be an understatement. Even though technology has caused us to become more and more distracted, it has also evolved to provide us with solutions to this epidemic.

Being distracted, even while backing out of your own driveway can have fatal consequences. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration cites an average of 210 fatalities and 15,000 injuries due to back up incidents every year, the majority of those being hurt

fall under the age of five years old. In an effort to improve backup safety, new NHTSA regulations require all new cars to have back up camera systems for rear view safety, allowing the driver to see a 10-by-20 foot area behind the vehicle from a dashboard display.

So don't text and drive!

+ SAFETY CORNER + MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH

May is National Bike Month. Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more folks to giving biking a try!

Whether you bike to work or school; ride to save money or time; pump those pedals to preserve your health or the environment; or simply to explore your community, National Bike Month is an opportunity to celebrate the unique power of the bicycle and the many reasons we ride.

National Bike to Work Week 2020 will take place May 11–17.

Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 15

BASIC BIKE CHECK (JUST REMEMBER: ABC QUICK CHECK)

A IS FOR AIR

- Inflate tires to the pressure listed on the side of the tire
- Use a pressure gauge to insure proper pressure
- Check for damage on tires and replace if damaged

B IS FOR BRAKES

- Inspect pads for wear; replace if there is less than ¼" of pad left
- Check pad adjustment; make sure they do not rub the tire
- Look to see that you can fit your thumb between the brake lever and handlebar when the brakes are squeezed all the way

C IS FOR CRANKS AND CHAIN

- Pull your cranks away from the bike – if they are loose, tighten the bolt
- Check that your chain is free of rust and gunk

QUICK IS FOR QUICK

RELEASES

- Make sure your quick releases are all closed
- They should all be pointing to the back of the bike, so that they don't get caught on anything

CHECK IS FOR CHECK IT OVER

- Take a quick ride to check that it is working properly

WHAT TO WEAR

HELMET

- Wear a properly fitted helmet
- Make sure that the helmet fits on top of the head and is parallel to the ground
- To find the right size helmet, put one on your head without fastening the straps.
- The front of the helmet should be level and two-fingers width above your eyebrows.
- Shake your head from side to side: There should only be a little movement.

- The side straps should come to a point just below your ears - move the small tabs on the side of these straps up or down until they are a half an inch or less under your ear lobe.
- The chin strap should be about half an inch below your chin when your mouth is closed.
- Wearing a bike helmet with loose straps is the same as not wearing a bike helmet at all.
- After a crash or impact on your helmet, it should be replaced

EVERYDAY CLOTHES

- You don't have to wear special cycling gear in order to ride a bike, everyday clothes work just fine
- If your bike doesn't have a chain guard, you can keep your pants away from the chain by rolling up your pant leg or using a leg band
- Tight, close fit keeps fabrics from rubbing your skin and causing irritation
- Bike shorts should be worn alone or under another pair of lightweight shorts

RAIN

- Wear bright colors and reflective gear
- Waterproof jacket and pants

NIGHT

- Wear bright colors and reflective gear

LONG RIDES

- Jerseys help pull moisture away from your skin and have

pockets on the back for food, tools, and money

- Cycling shorts offer cushioning
- Bike gloves help distribute pressure across your palms

SHARE THE TRAIL

COURTESY

- Respect all trail users
 - Yield to slower users
 - Obey the rules of the trail
- #### **ANNOUNCE WHEN PASSING**
- Use a bell, horn or voice to indicate your intention to pass
 - Warn others well in advance so you do not startle them

YIELD WHEN ENTERING AND CROSSING

- Yield to traffic at places where the trail crosses the road
- Yield to other users at trail

intersections

KEEP RIGHT

- Stay as close to the right as possible, except when passing
- #### **PASS ON LEFT**
- Pull out only when you are sure the lane is clear
 - Allow plenty of room, about two bike lengths, before moving back to the right

BE PREDICTABLE

- Travel in a straight line unless you are avoiding hazards or passing
- Indicate your intention to turn or pass

USE LIGHTS AT NIGHT

- Most trail users will not have lights at night; use a white front and red rear light.



DO NOT BLOCK THE TRAIL

- For group rides, use no more than half the trail
- Stop and regroup completely off the trail

CLEAN UP LITTER

- Place all litter in its proper receptacle

**FOR FAMILIES IN NEED, NATIONAL HOME
HELPLINE IS JUST A TOLL-FREE CALL AWAY**

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18-30	\$ 425	\$ 38.64
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41-50	\$ 375	\$ 34.09
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APRIL MILITARY HISTORY

- 1 1863 US adopts conscription for Civil War
- 1893 USN establishes rate of Chief Petty Officer
- 1945 Okinawa: 60K U.S. soldiers & Marines land on Easter Sunday
- 1945 US First & Ninth Armies meet to form Ruhr pocket
- 1954 US Air Force Academy established
- 1954 US Army forms first helicopter battalion, Fort Bragg, NC

- 1991 Warsaw Pact officially dissolves
- 2 1827 Construction of 1st U.S. Naval Hospital begins, Portsmouth, Va
- 1865 Battles of Petersburg/Ft Gregg/Sutherland's Station, Va: Robert E. Lee forced to evacuate Richmond
- 1917 Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany
- 1982 Argentina invades Falkland Is, initiating 72-day losing war with Britain
- 3 1865 Union forces occupy Richmond & Petersburg, to tune of "Dixie"
- 1948 Harry Truman signs Marshall Plan
- 4 1776 First USN victory at sea: USS 'Columbus' captures HM Tender 'Hawke'
- 1862 Yorktown: First serious fighting of Peninsular Campaign
- 1865 Lincoln sits in Jeff Davis' chair, in Confederate White House
- 1942 Bataan: Fil-American forces fall back after Japanese break through
- 1943 4th Marine Div activated at San Diego
- 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) formed
- 5 1951 Julius & Ethel Rosenberg, atomic spies, sentenced to death
- 1986 Berlin: 2 US servicemen & Turkish woman die in terrorist bombing
- 1991 Iraq: US begins relief air drops to Kurds in north
- 6 Army Day and National Tartan Day
- 1862 Battle of Shiloh, Day 1: Confederate success
- 1866 Union vets form Grand Army of Republic
- 1917 US declares war on Germany, entering WWI
- 1945 Okinawa: Massive kamikaze attack on US fleet sinks 6 ships
- 7 1862 Battle of Shiloh, Day 2: Grant defeats Confederates
- 1942 USN agrees to accept black Americans for general service
- 1943 Japanese inflict heavy losses on Allied shipping around Guadalcanal
- 1945 First Navy Nurses land on Iwo Jima: Lt, jg, Ann Purvis & Ens Jane Kendeigh
- 1980 President Jimmy Carter breaks relations with Iran over hostage crisis
- 8 Feast of St Walther Gautier of Pontoise, Patron Saint of POWs
- 1865 Lee's retreat cut off near Appomattox Court House
- 1956 Parris Is, SC: 6 Marine recruits drown during unauthorized night exercise
- 2015 VFW Post 2894 Auxiliary founded
- 9 1865 Appomattox: Robert E Lee & Army of Northern Virginia surrender
- 1898 Lt Andrew Rowan leaves for Cuba with "a message for Garcia"
- 1942 Bataan: 75,000 U.S. & Filipino troops surrender to Japanese
- 10 1918 Near Toul, in eastern France, 104th Infantry begins 4 day determined defense against German assault, to become 1st American regt awarded Croix de Guerre
- 1945 Allies liberate Buchenwald concentration camp
- 1963 USS 'Thresher' (SSN-593) sinks east of Cape Cod, 124 die
- 11 1863 Battle of Suffolk, VA
- 1898 Pres McKinley asks for Declaration of War against Spain
- 1899 Treaty of Paris: Spain cedes Puerto Rico, Philippines, Guam to US
- 1900 USN accepts first submarine, USS 'Holland', originally designed for Fenians
- 1942 American merchant mariners are authorized to receive DSM
- 1951 Harry Truman fires Gen Douglas McArthur
- 12 1861 Confederates shell Fort Sumter, initiating Civil War
- 1911 First US naval aviator: Lt Theodore Ellyson
- 1916 Battle of Hacienda Santa Cruz de la Villegas: Maj. Charles Young, senior black officer in US Army, leads squadron of 10th Cav ("Buffalo Soldiers") to rescue white 13th Cav, besieged by Mexicans

- 1924 Off Balboa, Panama, 19-year old hooker Madeline Blair found aboard USS 'Arizona' (BB-39), plying her trade since ship left New York 1 month earlier
- 1942 Bataan: Japanese massacre 400 Filipino officers
- 1966 First B-52 raids on North Vietnam
- 1981 First US space shuttle launch (Columbia)
- 1993 Bosnia: USS 'Theodore Roosevelt' (CVN-71) & NATO initiate no-fly zone
- 14** 1818 US Army Medical Corps formed
- 1865 Abraham Lincoln mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth in Ford's Theatre, on Good Friday
- 1898 USS 'Solace' commissioned, first hospital ship in USN since 1865, and only purpose-built hospital ship in history of fleet
- 1912 RMS 'Titanic' strikes iceberg, 11:40 pm
- 1945 Tokyo fire bomb raids: B-29s damage Imperial Palace
- 15** 1861 Ft Sumter surrenders
- 1861 Lincoln calls for 75,000 volunteers
- 1865 Stars and Stripes are again hoisted over Ft Sumter
- 1947 Former Army 2nd Lt Jackie Robinson begins playing for Brooklyn Dodgers, integrating modern Major League baseball
- 1952 First test flight of prototype B-52
- 1986 US bombs terrorist bases in Libya, following Berlin disco bombing
- 16** 1916 French Army forms Escadrille Americaine
- 1945 US troops enter Nuremberg
- 1945 USS 'Laffey' (DD-724) survives 6 kamikaze hits, off Okinawa
- 1946 US launches captured V-2 rocket, White Sands, NM
- 1947 Congress grants Navy Nurses full commissioned status
- 17** 1846 Battle of Cerro Gordo: Winfield Scott defeats Mexican Army
- 1861 Virginia is 8th state to secede from Union
- 1864 Grant suspends POW exchanges over Confederate refusal to treat black troops as soldiers
- 1961 Bay of Pigs: 1,400 Cuban exiles land to overthrow Castro
- 18** 1644 Thousands of Pamunky and allied Indians raid Virginia Colony, killing 500 settlers, initiating 32-months' long Second Tidewater War, in which colonists triumph
- 1775 Paul Revere, Samuel Prescott, & William Dawes make "midnight ride"
- 1934 US Army stops issuing sabers to cavalry
- 1942 Doolittle Raid: 16 B-25Bs off CV Hornet strike Tokyo
- 1942 WWII edition of "Stars & Stripes" begins publication in England
- 19** 1775 Battles of Lexington & Concord -- "The Shot Heard 'Round the World"
- 1783 Congress orders hostilities with Britain at end, 8 years after "The Shot Heard 'Round the World."
- 1909 Canonization of Joan of Arc, Patron of Soldiers, & Women in Military Service
- 1919 Leslie Irvin of US makes 1st free fall parachute jump
- 1941 US Marines begin construction of airfield on Wake Island
- 1989 USS 'Iowa' (BB-61) gun turret explosion, 47 die
- 20** 1789 George Washington sworn in as 1st President, Federal Hall, NY
- 1861 Union forces burn & abandon Gosport (Norfolk, Va) Navy Yard.
- 21** 1836 Battle of San Jacinto: Texas secures independence from Mexico
- 1898 US declares war on Spain
- 1914 US Marines and sailors occupy Vera Cruz, Mexico
- 22** 1944 New Guinea: U.S. Army troops land near Hollandia
- 23** Feast of St. George, Patron of Soldiers
- 1861 Robert E Lee named major general and commander of Virginia state forces
- 1945 Allies in Italy reach Po River
- 24** 1863 War Department issues GO No 100, The Law of Land Warfare, first US ROE.
- 1943 US 7th Inf Div. trained for desert warfare, sails from San Francisco to Alaska
- 1944 1st Boeing B-29 arrives in China over Himalayas -- "the Hump"
- 1980 "Desert One": US operation to save 52 hostages in Iran fails, 8 die
- 25** 1862 Farragut occupies New Orleans, La
- 1875 Combat on Pecos: Lt. John Bullis and Black Seminole Indian Scouts SGT John Ward, Trumpeter Isaac Payne, & PVT Pompey Factor rout 25-30 Lipan Indian raiders, for which Scouts are awarded Medal of Honor
- 1914 First USN air combat mission: Lt. Patrick Bellinger conducts a reconnaissance over Veracruz, receiving some damage from machine gun fire.
- 1945 Last Boeing B-17 attack against Nazi Germany
- 1945 US & Soviet forces meet at Torgau on Elbe River
- 1960 USS Triton completes first submerged circumnavigation of globe
- 26** 1607 English colonists land at Cape Henry, VA
- 1805 William Eaton and Lt Presley O'Bannon attack Derna, Libya and phrase, "to the shores of Tripoli" enters national lexicon.
- 27** 1773 British Parliament passes Tea Act, leading to Boston Tea Party
- 1778 John Paul Jones begins 2-day raid on Whitehaven, U.K.
- 1813 Toronto captured by Americans under Gen Zebulon Pike
- 1861 Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson assumes command at Harper's Ferry
- 1945 US 5th Army liberates Genoa
- 28** 1945 US 5th Army reaches Italian-Swiss border
- 1956 French leave Vietnam
- 1965 US Marines land in Dominican Republic, stay until Oct '66
- 1967 Mohammad Ali refuses induction into army
- 1971 Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr., promoted to Rear Admiral; first black admiral in US Navy
- 29** 1863 Battle of Chancellorsville begins
- 1945 US liberates Nazi concentration camp in Dachau
- 1970 US & South Vietnamese troops invade Cambodia
- 1975 Last US personnel pull out of Vietnam
- 30** 1492 Ferdinand & Isabella agree to bankroll Columbus
- 1798 US establishes Department of the Navy
- 1900 US annexes Hawaii
- 1908 1st Co., Signal Corps, 71st Reg, NYNG, formed to conduct aeronautical operations; now 106th Rescue Wing, oldest Air Guard unit.
- 1945 American & Soviet forces link up at Torgau in Germany
- 1980 Terrorists seize Iranian Embassy in London

MAY MILITARY HISTORY

- 1** 1862 David Farragut captures New Orleans
- 1898 Battle of Manila Bay: Adm Dewey orders, "You may fire when ready."
- 1931 Empire State Building opens
- 1960 Francis Gary Powers' U-2 spy plane shot down over Sverdlovsk
- 2** 1863 Stonewall Jackson wounded by own men at Chancellorsville, dies May 10th
- 1945 Berlin formally surrenders to Red Army
- 1945 German forces in Italy surrender
- 3** 1846 Mexican army invades Texas
- 1861 Lincoln orders expansion of Army by 23K & Navy by 18K
- 1943 US 1st Armored Div captures Mateur, Tunisia
- 1946 Military Tribunal in Tokyo begins war crimes trials

- 4 1946 US Marines recapture Alcatraz from rioting prisoners
1970 Ohio National Guard kills 4 students at Kent State
1942 Battle of Coral Sea begins
- 5 1814 British attack Ft Ontario, Oswego, NY
1862 Cinco de Mayo: Mexican forces defeat French at Puebla
1862 Peninsular Campaign: Battle of Williamsburg, VA
1864 Battle of Wilderness: Germanna Ford/Wilderness Tavern
1908 Great White Fleet reaches San Francisco
1942 Philippines: Japanese troops land on Corregidor
1945 Oregon: Japanese balloon bomb kills pregnant woman and 5 children
1965 First large US ground units arrive in South Vietnam
- 6 1937 Hindenburg disaster, Lakehurst, NJ, 36 die
1941 Bob Hope stages his first USO show, March Field, California
1945 Axis Sally makes her last broadcast
1962 USS 'Ethan Allen' (SSBN-608) fires first nuclear warhead from submerged sub
- 7 1942 Battle of Coral Sea begins
1954 Dien Bien Phu: Vietminh overrun French after 55-day siege
1989 Panama: Manuel Noriega seizes power after losing election
- 8 1886 Confederate veteran John S. Pemberton invents Coca Cola
1911 Birth of Naval Aviation: USN orders first airplane, Curtiss A-1
1942 Battle of Coral Sea, Day 2: USS 'Lexington' (CV-2) sunk
1945 V-E Day; Germany signs unconditional surrender
1952 US conducts first H-Bomb test, Eniwetok Atoll
- 9 1831 Alexis de Tocqueville arrives at Newport, RI, for 10 month tour
1926 Lt Cdr Richard Byrd & CMM Floyd Bennett fly over North Pole
- 10 1676 Bacon's Rebellion begins in Virginia
1775 Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allan, & Green Mountain Boys capture Ticonderoga
1862 Confederates torch & evacuate Norfolk/Pensacola Navy Yards
1960 USS 'Triton' (SSN-586) completes first submerged circumnavigation
1968 Vietnam War: Paris peace talks begin; Battle of Hamburger Hill
- 11 1862 CSS 'Virginia/Merrimac' scuttled in James River
1938 First USCG award of DFC, LT C. B. Olsen, for rescue at sea
- 12 1607 Foundation of Jamestown, Virginia
1789 NYC Revolutionary War veterans form Society of St Tammany
1943 Trident Conference: Roosevelt and Churchill plan strategy
1975 US merchant ship 'Mayaguez' seized by Cambodian forces
- 13 1908 Navy Nurse Corps is established
1943 USN Bureau of Navigation becomes Bureau of Naval Personnel
- 14 1653 Massachusetts Council declares that 1/8th of each militia company be available to march on 1 day's warning.
1801 Tripoli declares war on US, initiating First Tripoli War
1804 Lewis & Clark Expedition sets out from St Louis
1836 Mexican President Santa Anna, prisoner of Texans, signs Treaty of Velasco, conceding Texan independence.
1845 USS 'Constitution' lands Marines at Danang, Indochina
1856 USS 'Supply' delivers 50 Turkish camels to US Army at Indianola, Texas
1942 US Army forms Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC)
1945 US offensive on Okinawa, Sugar Loaf Hill captured
1975 US raids free Cambodian-held ship 'Mayaguez' with heavy losses
- 15 1862 Ben Butler issues famous "Woman Order," and proves every woman in New Orleans is a lady
- 1939 Dupont introduces nylon; within year Japanese sales of silk to US fall 30 percent
1940 First successful test flight of American helicopter, Vought-Sikorsky US-300
- 17 1987 USS 'Stark' (FFG-31) hit by Iraqi missiles, 37 sailors die
- 18 1775 1st USS 'Enterprise' enters service, prize taken by Benedict Arnold on Lake Champlain
1861 Battle of Sewall's Point, VA
1917 Congress passes Selective Service Act
- 19 1951 UN begins counter offensive in Korea
1958 NORAD formed
1967 US bombs Hanoi
- 20 1912 Battlecruiser SMS 'Moltke' reaches Hampton Roads, on only visit to US by German capital ship
1930 Pres. Hoover reviews US Fleet off Virginia Capes
- 21 1861 Richmond, Va, designated Capital of Confederacy
1881 Clara Barton founds American Red Cross
1917 Leo Pinckney first American drafted during WW I
1944 West Loch, Pearl Harbor: ammo-laden LST blows up, 6 LSTs lost, 200 killed, "2nd Pearl Harbor"
1968 USS 'Scorpion' (SSN-589) sinks off Azores, 99 die
- 22 National Maritime Day
1959 Benjamin O Davis Jr. (USMA '36) becomes first black Army general
1985 US sailor Michael L Walker arrested for spying for USSR
- 23 1775 Virginian Patrick Henry says "Give me Liberty or give me death!"
1862 Valley Campaign: Stonewall Jackson takes Front Royal, Virginia
- 24 1764 James Otis coins phrase "No taxation without representation!"
1861 Benjamin Butler declares fugitive slaves Frank Baker, Shepard Mallory, & James Townsend "contraband of war"
- 25 1787 Constitutional Convention opens in Philadelphia
1961 JFK pledges US will put man on moon by 1970
- 26 1945 US fire bomb raid on Tokyo
- 27 1607 Battle of Jamestown: English settlers repulse attack by 200 Indians
28 1830 Congress authorizes Indian removal from Eastern states
1980 First 55 women graduate from U.S. Naval Academy
- 29 1945 Okinawa: 1st Marine Division Captures Shuri Castle
- 30 1868 First "Decoration Day" [now "Memorial Day"], designated by GAR CINC Maj Gen John Logan
1958 Unknown soldiers of WWII & Korean War entombed in Arlington National Cemetery
1962 USS 'Arizona' Memorial dedicated in Pearl Harbor
- 31 1900 Boxer Rebellion: Multi-national relief forces reach Peking

FROM THE EDITOR

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Semper fidelis, *Chris Mulholland*

POST 2894 CALENDAR

APRIL	
6	Army Day / US enters WWI
8	Anniversary of Post 2894 Auxiliary founding (2015) / Post Meeting / Election / Quarterly Audit
9	Holy Thursday
10	Good Friday
12	Easter
15	Income Tax Day
30	Run for Fallen
30- May 3	Virginia International Tattoo

MAY	
3	Mickey Casady's 102 nd Birthday!
5	Cinco de Mayo / Chesapeake elections
8	VE Day (1945) / Military Spouses Day / WWII Flyover Washington DC
10	Mother's Day
13	Post Annual Awards Ceremony, 1900 / JROTC Awards Ceremony, IRHS, (1800)
15	Peace Officers' Memorial Day
15-17	Chesapeake Jubilee
16	Armed Forces Day / District 2 Convention, Post 4809 Norfolk (1200)
16-17	Buddy Poppy Drive
25	Memorial Day Ceremony, City Hall, 1100

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