

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.



Meetings

2nd Wednesday of month – 7:00 pm
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Surgeon.....	David Weber
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President.....	Sharon Peterson
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www.vfwwebcom.org/va/dist2

VFW Post 2894 GoFundMe

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VFW Post 2894 Celebrates 30th Anniversary Open House and Dinner

On 18 July, VFW Post 2894 celebrated our 30th Anniversary as a Post and four years in our Post home on south Battlefield boulevard. Highlights of the day included an Open House and ribbon cutting from 11:00 to 1:00 and an Anniversary Dinner Saturday evening. The Open House was well attended with visitors to include Debbie Ritter (Vice Mayor) Council Members, Former Mayor Alan Krasnoff, Chief of Police, Fire Chief, and Deputy Sheriff along with many contributors who provided materials for renovations over the last three years and Bataan Death March Sponsors. The anniversary dinner was a tremendous success thanks to Becky Waters decorations, Mark Rios setting up the catering, the Auxiliary providing deserts not to mention the members who cleaned and stowed away Post property in preparation for the big event.



Chesapeake Fire Chief Sam Gulisano assisted Commander John Peterson, Past Commanders Bob Gregory and Carl Dozier during the 30th Anniversary ribbon cutting ceremony with Post Members, Auxiliary, and visitors.

COMMANDER'S CORNER



What a great start to our VFW fiscal year with our 30th Anniversary Open House and Anniversary Dinner! It would be quite a laundry list of everyone who pitched in to clean, power wash, stow away gear and polish the Post headquarters for the open house. Saying that, special recognition goes to Becky Waters for her amazing decorating and the 30th Anniversary cake. Had I been in charge of decorations we would have been lucky to have tablecloths! The Open House prior to dinner could not have gone better! We had the Vice Mayor of Chesapeake, former Mayor, City Council members, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Deputy Sheriff plus several sponsors of the Bataan Death March. Many of these folks knew the condition of our building when we moved in and appreciated how it looks today. There are lots of great photos included in this edition of the newsletter.

It is no surprise that we officially received our All-American Certificate and streamer from the VFW National Headquarters this week. In addition to 101% membership from our finishing count of 290, for 26-27 year 80% of our annual members must renew or convert to Life Members. There is no doubt in my mind we will meet the challenge.

As we start the new year we have received the blessing of the Department of Virginia VFW and the Chesapeake Public Schools to Establish the VFW Post 2894 Jonathan K. Dozier Scholarship to a promising Chesapeake Senior who will be attending a military university such as Virginia Military Academy, Virginia Tech, or out of state to include Texas A&M, Norwich (Chris Mulholland's Alma Mater)

Lastly, keeping in our service to veterans mission, we have made movement towards a Visitation Committee. We had a very good sign up of volunteers at our 12 August meeting.

John Peterson,

Commander, Post 2894



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings from the Auxiliary. The hot lazy days of summer are here. Time for swimming, back yard BBQ or hot dogs at the ballpark. It's hard to believe, but it's football season already. At the Department Conference in June we were recognized as an Outstanding Auxiliary, thank you to everyone for all the work that made this happen.

August is when we meet our new line officers at all levels of the Auxiliary: National, Department, District, and Local. They bring new ideas on how we can help our Vets and their families. We have nine programs that identify how we help our vets: Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Historian, Hospital, Legislative, National Home, Scholarships, Veterans and Family Support, and Youth. Our members contribute to these programs individually and as a group. It's very rewarding when you see a veterans smile when they read a card, or a child's face light up from helping correctly fold Old Glory. Simple acts of kindness cost nothing but are priceless in emotional rewards.

If you aren't registered to vote, now is the time to do that. Learn where your local voting location is, and when election day rolls around, VOTE. In all elections—local, state, and national. Local elections choose your city government (decide your local taxes, laws, and issue building permits), the school board (what do they teach our children), make laws, etc. Local elections control a lot of things about our daily lives. Voting is how you let your voice be heard.

Days to remember:

Sept 11th Patriot Day

Sept 14th VFW Auxiliary Anniversary

Sept 17th Constitution Day

Sept 20th POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept 29th Gold Star Mother/Father's Day

Enjoy the last days of summer and school vacations.

September is only a few weeks away.

Sharon Peterson

President, Post 2894 Auxiliary



Post Commander John Peterson and Becky Waters "Parades" the 30th Anniversary Birthday Cake.

+ SAFETY CORNER + **AUGUST IS PREVENTATIVE HEALTH MONTH**



For August, Preventative Health is something we often delay if we are feeling well..

- ✓ Schedule a checkup with your physician if it has been more than 6 months, especially for Senior citizens.
- ✓ Annual Eye/vision screening
- ✓ Continue to wear sunblock and insect repellent
- ✓ Ensure vaccinations are up to date
- ✓ Inspect your home for trip/falls hazards
- ✓ Maintain a healthy diet

Visting Committee

AT THE AUGUST MEETING WE SHARED A SIGNUP SHEET FOR MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER AS PART OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE FOR OUR HOMEBOUND AND ASSISTED LIVING VETERANS. THE SHEET WAS FILLED UP!!! IF YOU WANT TO ADD YOUR NAME LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS, WEEKENDS OR BOTH! OUR FIRST VISIT WAS LUNCH WITH CHESAPEAKE PLACE ASSISTED 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 are interested in and let them know you would like to help:

- **Bataan Death March Committee:** Chuck Wolff, Ted Roberts, John Peterson, Matt Schweers, Grace Schweers, Ann Jones, Becky Waters, Brad Waters, Matt Hostetlar, Diane Hostetlar, Jose Vazquez, and Bob Gregory
- **Budget Committee:** John Peterson, Bob Gregory, Susan Vitale, Mark Rios, Brad Waters, Mike Kust, Keith Neilson, and Dan Eaker
- **By-Laws Committee:** John Peterson, Matt Hostetlar, Frank Sgromolo and Jose Vazquez
- **Community Service Committee:** Jim Ireland, Susan Vitale, John Guill, David Weber, Frank Sgromolo, Kimball Thompson, Ron Mayfield, and John Peterson
- **Awards/Scholarship Committee:** Dan Eaker, Mark Rios, Mike Kust, David Weber, Joe Hammers, Kimball Thompson, and Chuck Wolff
- **Membership/Recruiting Committee:** John Peterson, Susan Vitale, and Jake Peters
- **Visiting Committee:** Chaplain Joe McGourn and Jim Ireland
- **Health/Safety Committee:** Surgeon David Weber, Frank Sgromolo
- **Activities Committee:** Dan Eaker, Susan Vitale



Post Members who stopped by for lunch and visitation with veteran residents of Chesapeake Place Assisted Living. Roger Porter, Commander John Peterson, Joe Cardaluci (member and resident) Jim Ireland, and Jake Peters

QUARTERMASTER DESK



The Quartermaster is now maintaining a large inventory of Post 2894 Polo Shirts! No more waiting 2-3 months! **See the QM! \$40**

Post 2894 Annual Dues are \$35 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 the front of the 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.

Annual Members!

Renewals are due now and must be paid by 31 June.

VFW Post 2894 will purchase your LIFE member hat when you convert to Life. \$50 value!

Join the 150 Life Members in the Post.

Contact the Post Quartermaster:
Jake Peters
Post2894qm@proton.me

Life Member Options

AGE as of DECEMBER 31 st	One-Time Payment	\$45 + 11 Payments of
18-30 Years Old	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40 Years Old	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50 Years Old	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60 Years Old	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70 Years Old	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80 Years Old	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 Years & Over	\$170.00	\$15.45

Installment plan requires member approval from National and must be validated before purchase of hat.

Life and Annual Dues can be paid on line at our web page
<https://vfw2894.org/join-the-vfw>

August 2026	September 2026
15 – District Meeting – Franklin Post 4411, 0900 29 Department School of Instruction – Mechanicsville, (Alternate for 12 September) Cdr and QM will be in attendance.	7 – Labor Day Holiday 8 – Post Leadership Staff Meeting (Tuesday in lieu of Mon) 12 – Department School of Instruction, VFW Post 4809, 09:00

Open House – 18 July 2026



Michelle Winkerink &
Auxiliary President Sharon
Peterson



Dave Weber & Chief of
Police Mark Solesky



Vice-Mayor Debbie Ritter and a great friend of the Post,
with members Jerry Cobleigh, Ted Roberts, John Peterson
(Commander) Bob Gregory (Past Commander) and Dave Weber



Bob Gregory and Josie Riffle



Bob Gregory and District 2
Commander Ron Riffle



Jr Vice Cdr Mike Kust and Alan
Krasnoff



Past Commander Jose Vazquez and Former
Mayor Alan Krasnoff



Jerry Cobleigh and Merrill Craig



Commander John Peterson and Council Member
Christy New Craig



Senior-Vice Cor Susan Vitale and
Council Member Jeff Bunn



Bob Gregory and Phyllis Krasnoff

Post 2894 30th Anniversary Dinner – 18 July 2026



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The Korean Axe Murders and Ties to Post 2894

The Korean Axe Murders incident refers to an international incident on August 18, 1976, in the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), where U.S. Army Captain Arthur Bonifas and First Lieutenant Mark Barrett were killed by North Korean guards. Captain Bonifas was leading a routine tree-trimming operation when the confrontation escalated, resulting in their deaths. This event heightened tensions between the United States and North Korea and led to Operation Paul Bunyan, a massive show of force in response to the attack.

August 1975 Korean DMZ: In late 1975, Kim Moon-hwan and Arthur Bonifas, had both taken charge of the South Korean and U.S. military companies at the JSA, built a special friendship. The two became close like brothers due to commonalities such as graduating from their respective military academies, following elite military career paths, and having previously served in Vietnam. Kim Moon-hwan shared bulgogi, a Korean dish his wife made, with Bonifas whenever she visited. Bonifas, who wrote letters to his wife and children whenever he had time, never failed to mention “Kim next door.”

The tragedy occurred: In August 1976, with his next assignment set for Georgia, U.S., Bonifas was preparing to return home. On August 18, a week before his JSA company commander term ended, he encountered about 20 North Korean troops arriving in trucks while supervising the pruning of a poplar tree to secure visibility for a UN checkpoint. The North Korean troops attacked the UN forces mercilessly with steel clubs, shovels, and pickaxes. Bonifas fell after being struck by axes wielded by several North Korean soldiers. Kim Moon-hwan, who narrowly escaped the North Korean attack at the scene, loaded Bonifas into a jeep with his subordinates. Bonifas’s faint pulse stopped when they arrived at the medical station. Captain Mark Barrett also died after being beaten by North Korean troops. The incident led to the first DEFCON 3 (quasi-war) alert since the Korean War armistice, bringing the situation to the brink of conflict before it was narrowly resolved. The two young U.S. military officers departed on a journey from which they would never return.

Fast forward to 2026: Captain Bonifas was the grandfather of Army SSG Andrew Arthur Bonifas . son in law of Post Members Brad and Becky Waters. SSG Bonifas, his wife Aiden (Brad and Becky’s Daughter) and their son Everett Arthur Bonifas attended our Post 2894 Open House 18 July enroute to their next assignment at Ft Lenoard Wood, MO as a Drill Instructor. The family was invited by the Korean government to return for the 50th anniversary of Captain Bonifas’ murder. SSG Boinfas had just began drill instructor school and believing in duty first, opted to not go to Korea. However, Beth Bonifas, Captain Bonifas second daughter, Beth (her daughter in law and Waters daughter) along with 3 year old Everett (Bonifas and Waters Grandchild plus the Great Grandson of CPT Bonifas made the trip to Korea. Post 2894 assisted the Bonifas family with a \$500 check.

Arrival in Korea: At 4:30 a.m. on 13 August in the arrivals hall of Terminal 1 at Incheon International Airport, the Bonifas family arrived. The eyes of an old Korean soldier who had been waiting anxiously for nearly an hour widened. “Come here, this way,” he shouted. A woman leading a group who had just arrived from San Francisco, California, and passed through immigration ran toward him and embraced him warmly. Beth Bonifas, 57 years old. She is the eldest daughter of U.S. Army Major Arthur Bonifas (then a captain, 33 years old at the time of the incident), the U.S. military company commander of the United Nations Command Joint Security Area (JSA) security battalion who was killed in the “inter-Korean truce village of Panmunjom Axe Murder Incident” on August 18, 1976, 50 years ago. When Beth introduced her daughter-in-law Aiden, who accompanied her, and her 3-year-old grandson Everett cradled in Aiden’s arms, the old soldier’s expression lit up. Megan Decour, 53 years old, Bonifas’s second daughter, and her children Brady, 18, and Dylan, 16, also joined. The quiet early morning arrivals hall became lively as the six people handed flower bouquets to the old soldier.



In the photo above, Three generations of Bonifas's family, from his daughters to his great-grandson, stepped onto Korean soil together. The old soldier who came to the airport in the early morning was Kim Moon-hwan, 79 years old, a retired South Korean Army major who was the South Korean military company commander at the inter-Korean truce village of Panmunjom JSA during the Axe Murder Incident. He fought against North Korean troops at the time and was a comrade-in-arms who stayed by Bonifas's side until his last breath. After a brief rest, he returned to Incheon Airport in the afternoon to pick up Stacey Adams, 50 years old, the niece of Mark Barrett, a U.S. Army captain (then a first lieutenant, 25 years old) who was another victim of the Axe Murder Incident, and her daughter Karina, 24 years old.

Panmunjom Ceremony: The scene of the inter-Korean truce village of Panmunjom Axe Murder Incident memorial ceremony, which has been held modestly and solemnly with unit members at the JSA every August 18, will change this year. For the 50th anniversary of the incident, the families of the two fallen U.S. military officers have gathered in one place for the first time. They were invited as guests of honor to the 50th-anniversary memorial ceremony hosted by the U.S. Forces Korea and the United Nations Command at the inter-Korean truce village of Panmunjom on the 18th, where they are scheduled



A ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the 1976 Panmunjom axe murder, in which North Korean soldiers attacked and killed two US Army officers, is held Tuesday at Park Gym in the Joint Security Area in Gyeonggi Province. Portraits of Maj. Arthur Bonifas and 1st Lt. Mark Barrett are displayed in front of memorial flowers alongside their combat boots and helmets. (Joint Press Corps)

to speak on the podium. Retired Major Kim Moon-hwan took the lead in preparing the 50th-anniversary visit schedule for the families. The Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs also supported part of the travel expenses.

Beth, the eldest daughter of Major Bonifas, was visiting Korea for the fourth time, following visits in 1978, 1986, and 2015. After serving as a nursing officer and working as a pediatric nurse, she said, "Visiting the land my father protected and finding his traces with my children is a happy thing, and it's meaningful to see the changing scenery every time I come." "The inter-Korean truce village of Panmunjom and the JSA remain the same as before, but Korea's scenery has changed tremendously and in a developing direction."

Returning from the Panmunjon ceremony: Megan, the second daughter of Major Bonifas, did not close her eyes once during the bus ride back to a hotel in Seoul. She said, "I also came to Korea during the 10th-anniversary memorial ceremony in 1986 when the U.S. military base in the Demilitarized Zone was named 'Camp Bonifas' after my father. I was 13 then and only remember the solemn atmosphere, not the surrounding scenery at all." "This time, I want to keep all the scenery of Korea in my mind until I leave the country." Brady and Dylan, Megan's children, enjoyed instant noodles at a convenience store and said, "We've solved our first meal we've been wanting to eat in Korea." Karina, the granddaughter of Barrett's niece, laughed and said, "I'm about to start raiding Korean convenience stores in earnest."

Aiden, the daughter-in-law of Bonifas, who was comforting her crying 3-year-old son, answered "100%!" when asked, "Do you want this child to become a soldier like his great-grandfather and father when he grows up?" Retired Major Kim Moon-hwan said, "Seeing the families enjoy their trip to Korea 50 years later, Major Bonifas and Captain Barrett must be watching with delight from heaven." (Credit to the Korean Chosun Daily Newspaper)

Post 2894 Commander Note: I attended the Ft Sill Field Artillery Basic Officer course in July 1976 as a brand new 2LT. During the six months I was there this event occurred. We were on the brink of returning to hostilities with North Korea. (The war never ended, only the Panmujom United Nations Truce. We would go to the range for Forward Observer training to call in targets. The instructor would call out..."North Korean axe men in the open! Your target is..." Then we would call in artillery.



Everett Arthur Bonifas
Great Grandson of CPT
Arthur Bonifas at
Panmujom Ceremony.



Photo 1: Diorama of the Axe Murder at Panmunjom, Joint Security Area
Photo 2: Beth Bonifas, Aiden (Waters) Bonifas and Everett Bonifas
Photo 3: Everett inside the Joint Security Area building
Photo 4: Plaque commemorating CPT Bonifas LT Barrett at the Joint Security Area



VFW Post 2894 Chesapeake, VA Fall Rifle Raffle

Beretta 12GA Semi-Automatic Shotgun A300 Ultima Patrol!



This NEW weapon features:

- Enhanced Loading port for faster loading
- Oversized Controls
- Black synthetic stock with aggressive textured grips
- Custom Barrel Clamp for 7+1 shell capacity
- 19.1 " Barrel
- 7 Slot Picatinny Rail
- Oversized reversible safety button

Raffle Tickets are \$10

Drawing to be conducted at the
Chesapeake City Hall, Veterans Day,
11 November 2026

Contact VFW Post 2894 Members for
Raffle Tickets.

Coordinator Mike Kust
email: vfw2894mkust@gmail.com
Mob: 757-633-7157

Tickets are subject to eligibility of
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MARIO MCKENNA

Thursday, August 27, 2026 – 12PM

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Chesapeake, VA 23322**

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MILITARY AND VETERANS COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY

Saturday, September 26 - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Chesapeake Conference Center



WHAT TO EXPECT



**INFORMATION
SESSIONS**



**RESOURCE
TABLES**



**COMMUNITY &
CONNECTION**

Chesapeake
VIRGINIA
Integrated Behavioral Healthcare



To register for the event, scan the QR code below!



<https://MVCWDSept25.eventbrite.com>

AUGUST MILITARY HISTORY

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| <p>1 Air Force Day
 1944 George S. Patton's Third Army begins 281 days of operations
 1944 Marines crush Japanese resistance on Tinian
 1946 Office of Naval Research is established
 1946 Battle of Athens, GA: WW II vets take up arms to prevent corrupt politicians rig local election</p> <p>2 1819 First parachute jump in US, from a balloon
 1887 Rowell Hodge receives a patent for barbed wire
 1950 1st Marine Provisional Bde lands at Pusan, Korea
 1964 Gulf of Tonkin: North Vietnamese patrol boats attack USS Maddox
 1990 Iraq invades & occupies Kuwait - onset of Desert Shield/Desert Storm</p> <p>3 1804 USN squadron bombards Tripoli
 1861 First manned balloon ascent from a ship, USS 'Fanny', Hampton Roads
 1861 US Navy authorizes three ironclads: 'Monitor', 'Galena', & 'New Ironsides'
 1958 US sub 'Nautilus' (SS 571) passes under ice at North Pole</p> <p>4 1790 Revenue Cutter Service formed, origins of USCG
 1914 German forces march into Belgium starting WWI
 2005 USS 'New York' (LPD-21) receives bow of 24 tons of steel from World Trade Center</p> <p>5 1864 Battle of Mobile Bay: Farragut "damns" torpedoes
 1898 US and Spanish troops skirmish outside Manila
 1898 US landing party goes ashore at Cape San Juan, Puerto Rico
 1921 Yangtze River Patrol Force established within US Asiatic Fleet
 1964 US begins bombing North Vietnam</p> <p>6 1780 Battle of Hanging Rock: Tarleton's dragoons annihilate American column - Andrew Jackson (13) becomes a POW
 1945 A-Bomb destroys Hiroshima, over 75,000 die</p> <p>7 1782 George Washington creates Badge of Military Merit - Purple Heart
 1789 US War Department established
 1942 Guadalcanal: 1st Marine Div lands against light resistance
 1990 Operation Desert Shield: First American troops reach Saudi Arabia</p> <p>8 1942 Guadalcanal: Marines capture unfinished airstrip.
 1988 Russian troops begin pulling out of Afghanistan after 9 year war</p> <p>9 1945 Second Atomic Bomb dropped on Nagasaki, c. 30,000 die</p> <p>10 1918 Alvin York captures "whole damned German Army"
 1921 Congress forms US Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics
 1949 Congress creates Department of Defense</p> <p>11 1909 First use of "SOS"; SS 'Arapahoe', off Cape Hatteras</p> <p>12 1645 Massachusetts Council orders third of men in each militia company "be ready on half an hour's warning for any service" - first "Minute Men"
 1942 Guadalcanal: First US airplane reaches Henderson Field
 1959 First firing of Polaris missile from ship
 1972 Last American ground troops leave Vietnam</p> <p>13 1846 CDR Robert Stockton leads an Army-Navy-Marine party to seize Los Angeles
 1898 Spanish-American War: Armistice declared
 1945 Okinawa: USS 'LaGrange' (APA-124) last US ship hit by kamikaze in WW II
 1953 Gen Omar Bradley becomes Chairman of JCS
 1961 Communists begin construction of Berlin Wall</p> <p>14 National Navajo Code Talkers Day
 1912 US Marines occupy Nicaragua
 1942 First American air victory in Atlantic: Lt Ezra Shahan in P-38 shoots down Luftwaffe Condor patrol bomber off Iceland
 1945 V-J Day; Japan surrenders</p> | <p>15 1845 US Naval Academy is established at Ft Severn, Annapolis
 1943 Kiska: US and Canadian troops land with heavy naval and air support
 1944 Operation Anvil-Dragoon: Allied troops land in Provence
 1945 Hirohito's surrender message broadcast to Japanese people.
 National Airborne Day, US</p> <p>16 480 BC Leonidas reaches Thermopylae with 300 Spartans and 700 Allies
 1777 Battle of Bennington, VT: Americans defeat British
 1780 Battle of Camden: British decisively defeat Americans
 1918 US troops capture Archangelsk
 1934 US ends occupation of Haiti, begun in 1915
 1943 4th Marine Div activated at Camp Pendleton</p> <p>17 1943 US troops under Gen Patton capture Messina</p> <p>18 1911 Esther Voorhees Hasson appointed first Supt of Navy Nurse Corps
 1961 Construction on Berlin Wall completed
 2011 Last American combat units redeploy from Iraq; 50,000 soldiers remain as a transitional force</p> <p>19 National Aviation Day
 1981 USS 'Nimitz' (CVN-68) A/C down Libyan A/C - "Line of Death"</p> <p>20 1781 Washington marches from NY to fight Cornwallis at Yorktown
 1982 US Marines land in Beirut</p> <p>21 1800 First public concert by USMC Band, Wash. DC</p> <p>22 1864 Geneva Convention: 12 nations establish International Red Cross</p> <p>23 National Airborne Day
 1944 6th Marine Div begins forming on Guadalcanal.
 1944 Franco-American troops liberate Marseilles</p> <p>24 1814 British burn Washington, after Sir George Cockburn eats Pres. Madison's dinner in White House
 1949 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) established</p> <p>25 1921 US signs peace treaty with Germany
 1943 US forces land on New Georgia, Solomon Islands
 1944 Paris liberated from Nazi occupation</p> <p>26 1775 First Congressional action on veterans' benefits
 1839 US Revenue Cutter 'Washington' seizes Spanish ship 'Amistad', manned by self-liberated slaves, off Montauk Point
 2021 Thirteen US service members killed in suicide bomb attack outside Kabul Airport, Afghanistan, during evacuation operations</p> <p>27 1943 US bombers in China attack Japanese installations in Hong Kong.
 1945 Third Fleet enters Sagami Bay, south of Tokyo Bay, as US troops begin occupation of Japan</p> <p>29 1958 Air Force Academy moves to new facilities at Colorado Springs</p> <p>30 1781 Battle of Chesapeake: French fleet defeats Royal Navy, sealing fate of Yorktown
 1945 Gen MacArthur arrives in Japan
 2021 Twenty years of occupation ends as all US troops are redeployed from Afghanistan.</p> <p>31 1944 Allied offensive against Gothic Line in Italy
 1949 83rd - and last - GAR encampment, attended by 6 of 14 remaining members
 1994 Last Russian troops in Germany are withdrawn</p> |
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SEPTEMBER MILITARY HISTORY

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| <p>1 Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Patron Saint of Aviators</p> <p>1861 Grant assumes command of Federal forces at Cape Girardeau, MO</p> <p>1862 Congress abolishes daily issue of grog in US Navy</p> <p>1863 Sherman wins Battle of Jonesborough, Confederates evacuate, Atlanta burns</p> <p>1863 Union fleet bombards Fort Sumter</p> <p>1918 US troops land in Vladivostok, Siberia, stay until 1920</p> <p>1939 George C. Marshall becomes Chief-of-Staff of Army, serves until Nov 18, 1945</p> <p>1950 Thirteen North Korean divisions assault UN lines</p> <p>2 1777 Battle of Cooch's Bridge, NJ: First use of "Stars and Stripes in combat</p> <p>1944 Lt jg George H.W. Bush bails out near Chichi Jima, rescued by 'Finback' (SS-230)</p> <p>1945 Ho Chi Minh declares Vietnam independent of France</p> <p>3 1782 US gives its only ship-of-the-line, 'America', to France.</p> <p>1885 First Naval War College class convenes.</p> <p>1944 US Navy shells Japanese on Wake Island.</p> <p>1945 Japanese forces in Philippines surrender to US.</p> <p>4 1945 US reoccupies Wake Island.</p> <p>1950 First appearance of comic strip "Beetle Bailey".</p> <p>5 1774 First Continental Congress assembles in Philadelphia.</p> <p>1775 Continental Navy issues uniform regs for officers.</p> <p>1943 US airborne troops land at Nadzab, New Guinea.</p> <p>6 1918 US Navy 14-inch railroad guns open fire on Western Front.</p> <p>7 1776 David Bushnell's sub 'American Turtle' tries to sink HMS 'Eagle' in New York harbor.</p> <p>8 1919 Ticker tape parade on Broadway for Gen. Pershing & 25,000 Doughboys.</p> <p>1945 US troops land in Korea to assume occupation duties.</p> <p>9 1776 "United Colonies" adopt name "United States of America".</p> <p>1943 Operation Avalanche: Anglo-American forces land at Salerno, Italy.</p> <p>1944 Allied troops liberate Luxembourg from Germans.</p> <p>10 1813 Battle of Lake Erie: Commo Oliver Hazard Perry meets enemy and they are his.</p> <p>1944 Sir Frederick Browning says "I think we might be going a bridge too far".</p> <p>11 Patriot Day</p> <p>1773 Benjamin Franklin writes "There never was a good war or a bad peace".</p> <p>1812 USS 'Constitution' captures and destroys brig 'Lady Warren'.</p> <p>1814 Battle of Plattsburgh/Lake Champlain: Americans defeat British by land & lake -- decisive battle of War of 1812.</p> <p>1918 Col. George S. Patton leads first US tank attack, St. Mihiel, France.</p> <p>1943 Allied forces secure Salerno</p> <p>1944 US 5th Armored Division enters Nazi Germany.</p> <p>2001 Terrorists attack World Trade Center Twin Towers in New York City and Pentagon, killing over 3000 Americans.</p> <p>12 1814 Battle of North Point: Regulars & Militiamen prevent British from capturing Baltimore.</p> <p>1862 Battle of Harpers Ferry VA.</p> <p>British commence overnight bombardment of Fort McHenry, inspiring</p> <p>13 1814 "Star Spangled Banner".</p> | <p>1847</p> <p>14 1847 American troops under Winfield Scott capture Mexico City.</p> <p>1914 VFW Ladies Auxiliary organized (changed to "VFW Auxiliary" in 2015).</p> <p>1942 Guadalcanal, Bloody Ridge: Japanese retire.</p> <p>1966 Vietnam: Operation Attleboro begins against VC sanctuaries on Cambodian Border.</p> <p>15 1862 Antietam Campaign: Stonewall Jackson captures Harpers Ferry.</p> <p>1862 Antietam Campaign: US troops find Lee's GO No. 191, wrapping some cigars.</p> <p>1918 Cpl Lee Duncan, US 135th Aero Sqn, finds German shepherd pups in bombed out German military kennel near Toul, France; one becomes Rin Tin Tin.</p> <p>1942 US carrier 'Wasp' (CV-7) torpedoed and sunk off Guadalcanal.</p> <p>1944 Marines land on Peleliu, 450 miles east of Mindanao in Philippines.</p> <p>1950 Inchon Landing: Marines attack behind North Korean lines.</p> <p>16 1919 American Legion incorporated by act of Congress.</p> <p>1942 3rd Marine Div activated at San Diego.</p> <p>1943 US Fifth and British Eighth Armies unite in Italy.</p> <p>1950 Eighth Army breaks out of Pusan Perimeter, in support of Inchon Landing.</p> <p>17 1776 Spanish begin building Presidio of San Francisco.</p> <p>1862 Battle of Antietam: Bloodiest day of Civil War, over 3,000 die.</p> <p>1943 Ammunition explosion at Norfolk Naval Air Station.</p> <p>1944 Operation Market Garden begins: Allied Airborne invasion of Netherlands.</p> <p>18 Feast of St Joseph of Cupertino, Patron of Aviators and Astronauts</p> <p>1775 French complete Ft Carillon (Ticonderoga), NY.</p> <p>1947 US Air Force established.</p> <p>19 1777 Battle of Freeman's Farm (1st Battle of Saratoga).</p> <p>1943 U.S carrier aircraft and B-24s raid Tarawa.</p> <p>1957 First underground nuclear explosion, Nevada.</p> <p>20 1797 US frigate 'Constitution' - "Old Ironsides" - launched in Boston.</p> <p>1950 Omar Bradley promoted to 5-star General of Army.</p> <p>1984 Hezbollah bombing of American Embassy in Beirut, 25 die.</p> <p>21 1872 James H. Conyers becomes first black USNA cadet.</p> <p>1941 Launch of first Liberty Ship, SS 'Patrick Henry'.</p> <p>1942 Maiden flight of B-29.</p> <p>22 1862 President Lincoln issues preliminary Emancipation Proclamation.</p> <p>1944 Boulogne liberated by Allies.</p> <p>1958 Elvis arrives at Brooklyn Army Terminal, to board transport for Germany.</p> <p>23 1779 Celebrated frigate duel between John Paul Jones' 'Bonhomme Richard' & HMS 'Serapis'.</p> <p>1780 Maj. John Andre is captured, revealing Benedict Arnold's treason.</p> <p>1806 Lewis & Clark Expedition ends at St Louis.</p> <p>24 1918 Ens David S. Ingalls becomes first USN ace, in Sopwith Camel, while seconded to Royal Air Force.</p> <p>1929 Lt James H Doolittle makes first all-instrument flight, over Brooklyn.</p> <p>USS 'Enterprise' (CVN-65) launched, first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier.</p> <p>1960</p> <p>25 1861 SecNav Welles authorizes enlistment of former slaves/</p> |
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| <p>26 1918 US begins Meuse-Argonne offensive against Germans.
1950 UN troops liberate Seoul, Korea.</p> <p>27 1996 Taliban capture Kabul, installing Islamist theocracy in Afghanistan.</p> <p>28 Feast of St Michael Archangel, Patron of Soldiers & of St Gabriel Archangel, Patron of Diplomats and Signalmen
1781 Siege of Yorktown begins: last major battle of Revolutionary War.
1850 Congress outlaws flogging in Navy and Merchant Marine.
1918 Led by 107th Infantry, NY's 27th Div breaks through of Hindenburg Line at San Quintin Tunnel.
1924 Two US Army planes end around-world flight, Seattle to Seattle, 57 stops.</p> | <p>29 1899 VFW Established.</p> <p>30 1914 Army disbands Seminole Negro Indian Scouts, after 44 years of service.
1946 Judgement at Nuremberg: 22 Nazi leaders found guilty.
1949 Berlin Airlift ends after 277,000 flights.
1949 US officially disbands Philippine Scouts.
1977 Jonathan Kilian Dozier is born in Chesapeake, VA.</p> |
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