

GROVER KING VFW 1115



*Honor the dead by helping
the living.*

*It's not what you pay to belong;
it's the price you paid to be
eligible.*



BLUE RIDGE BUGLE

SPRING EDITION 2020



**Recently our Quartermaster Gary Adams,
Commander Sandra Terry and Sr. Vice
Commander Scott Lasorso visited the Vietnam
Memorial Wall and the Vietnam Women's
Memorial in Washington DC.**

Memorial Day – May 25, 2020

*May we never forget those who made the
ultimate sacrifice for our country.*

*“A Hero is someone who has given his or her life
to something bigger than oneself” – Joseph
Campbell*

VFW Concert Series Begins

With weekly jams and a full slate of bluegrass, old time and gospel shows, music has returned to VFW Post 1115 after an absence of many years.

Jams began in February and are being held every Monday night at 6:30. Although old time and bluegrass are the main types of music being played, the VFW invites musicians of any genre to come on down and play. The jams are open to the public with no admission charge, and concessions will be sold by the VFW.

The Country Boys came up the mountain from Mount Airy to launch our concert series with a show Saturday night, March 14 and they performed for a very enthusiastic crowd although attendance was limited due to inclement weather and the ongoing virus threat.

Once the virus threat is over, more shows will be scheduled and announced. Shows will be at 7:30 p.m. with a \$7 adult admission charge. Concessions will be available, sold by the VFW.

Please see the Calendar of Events on our website for the most up to date information on upcoming concerts.



VETERANS URGED TO CONTACT SENATORS

With controversy surrounding the War Memorial Bill (SB 620), members are urged to contact their State Senators to recommend specific action regarding the bill.

SB 620 basically calls for removal of “a prohibition on disturbing or interfering with any war monument or memorial erected by a locality or preventing citizens from maintaining such monument or memorial. The bill authorizes a locality to alter, move, or remove any monument or memorial from the locality's public property and removes certain criminal and civil penalties for such.”

To view the full bill online, go to Virginia’s Legislative Information System (LIS). Greg Eanes, President of the Virginia Veterans Memorial Preservation Foundation, urges Veterans to call for specific action: 1) let the war memorial bill die; 2) only the Senate version is acceptable but it needs improvement; or 3) table the bill to give the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations, in conjunction with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, time to formally review and make its input on any war memorial removal legislation. State Senators to contact for members living in Carroll County or Galax are David Sutterlein (R) at District19@senate.virginia.gov or William Stanley (R) at district20@senate.virginia.gov



POST OFFICERS 2019-2020

- Commander..... Sandra Terry
- Senior Vice Commander..... Scott Lasorso
- Junior Vice Commander Earl Basket
- Adjutant Donald Trausneck
- Quartermaster Gary Adams
- Judge Advocate Oscar Hall
- Chaplain Roger Neitzke
- Surgeon Roger McGlocklin
- Service Officer..... Gary Adams
- Public Affairs Donald Trausneck
- Trustees..... Roger McGlocklin, James Montgomery, and Oscar Hall



TAPS – First Quarter 2020

- Jack Easter
- Arthur Ayers
- William Guernsey
- Kemp Shockley
- Frank Sloop
- Arden Huff
- Russell Shockley
- Steve Martin
- Homer Hylton
- Thomas Slate
- Matthew Montgomery
- Thomas Fariss
- Troy Smith
- Roger Goad

PROPOSED CHANGES

Several changes are being proposed for the By-Laws and Standards of Procedures for VFW Post 1115.

Some of these proposals are significant, including increase in annual dues and selecting a different regular meeting day and time, while other changes merely involve rewording of how the procedures are documented.

A preliminary report of these changes was mailed to members in March. Please fill out and return the voting forms as soon as possible.



Quartermaster
Gary W Adams Jr.
Post 1115, Hillsville, VA
For Department Surgeon
2020-2021





POST 1115 WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

One Veteran was accepted as a member in the Post during the monthly meeting March 13.

Dexter W. Dotson of Hillsville, a United States Air Force Veteran of Operation Desert Storm, has transferred in having previously been a "member at large."

With Dotson's addition to the rolls, Post 1115 now claims a total of 484 members for the current year, including 359 Life Members. This is 81.8 percent of the membership quota, which is 593.

Sixteen members attended the monthly meeting despite inclement weather and the ongoing virus threat.

Nominations for officers for 2020-2021 were announced: Sandra Terry for Commander, Scott Lasorso for Senior Vice Commander, Earl Baskett for Junior Vice Commander, Gary Adams for Quartermaster, Roger Neitzke for Chaplain and Roger McGlocklin for three-year Trustee.

Earl Baskett reported on the Memorial Day Gun Show and said he is trying to get some more dealers signed up.

Members were advised of proposed changes to the By-Laws and S.O.P. Manual (see separate article).

Howard Minton urged the members to consider taking out a legacy Life Membership (see separate article).

CHAPLAIN'S DEVOTIONAL

We all served in wartime and we all had enemies of some sort. Those battles are behind us. Still, a war goes on.

There is a different battle and a different enemy now – Satan.

As soldier's in God's Army, we are reminded of what Paul wrote to the people in Ephesus on how to prepare for battle:

"Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."
 – Ephesians 10-17

GREETINGS TO THE AUXILIARY MEMBERS

Spring is here and I hope you are enjoying the flowers and the budding trees and the warmer weather.

Due to the virus that is sweeping our nation, most of what I had written is now uncertain. Please stay in touch and we will try to inform you of the next meeting. We still need some new members and if you have someone in your family or friends, we would be glad to sign them up.

We are saddened to drape our Charter in memory of Orethia Bowman, Beulah Sumner, Corene Dickerson, Lake Jenkins, Mozell Jennings, Norma Carr, and Hallie Currin. Our sympathy goes out to these families. Also, a special thanks to the ladies that helped with the Corene Dickerson service.

The Auxiliary gave away a life membership at a drawing of the annual members who had paid their dues by December. Sharon Alexander won the life membership.

Until next time, stay well and safe.

-Christine Martin

AUXILIARY OFFICERS 2019-2020

President Christine Martin
 Senior Vice President Bonnie Quesenberry
 Junior Vice President Donna Minton
 Secretary Patty Baskett
 Treasurer Debbie Newell
 Chaplain Emily Dobbins
 Conductress Marcia Semones
 Guard Oleta Bauman
 Trustees ... Betty Poff, Elsie Wylie, Sheila Easter
 Patriotic Instructor Sheila Easter
 Flag Bearer Joan Miller
 Banner Bearer Emma Edwards
 Soloist Donna Minton
 Historian Echo Baskett



Concert Held March 14th Featuring The Country Boys



Monday Night Jam Sessions



NEWSLETTER CHANGES

Welcome to our revamped newsletter! In an on-going effort to reduce post expenses, we are switching to a mainly digital format for our newsletter. Members may receive the Post publication by one of three methods: email, pick-up or postal mail with a paid subscription.

Email delivery is preferred. If you are already receiving the newsletter by email, you do not need to do anything other than remember to notify the Editor whenever you change your email address. If you are not yet receiving it by email but are able to do so, please notify the Editor at donaldt65_music@centurylink.net of your best address. If you live nearby, you may arrange to pick up the newsletter at the VFW in person on a predetermined date or whenever you are notified by phone tree that it is ready. The next newsletter is expected to be ready by August 1. If you wish to have the newsletter delivered to your home, there is a \$2 per year subscription rate to cover the cost of mailing. Submit your first payment immediately and renew every January for four editions. Send \$2 to VFW Newsletter, PO Box 1952, Hillsville VA 24343



CS1 Steve Kujawski USNR Retired is recovering from a recent back surgery. His injuries were sustained on his 1st deployment to Al Asad Airbase in Iraq as a logistic specialist in 2008 with the Navy Reserves. After Iraq, he spent some time at home but was recalled again to serve and returned to the Middle East to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan 2014-15, also as a logistics specialist. Kujawski served aboard the USS Julius A. Furer (FFG-6) a Brooke-class frigate from 1978 to 1984. Steve retired in 2019 after 24yrs of service at Navy Operational Support Center Greensboro, NC. Kujawski joined the VFW originally in New York State, and He is a Life Member transfer into Grover King Post 1115. We are thankful for your service to your country, and your membership to our post. Bravo Zulu Kujawski.



Legacy Life Membership

DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE HELPING THE VFW AFTER YOU ARE GONE?

Legacy Life Membership is a program available to all Life Members. Legacy Life Membership enables VFW Life members to leave a lasting impression on our great organization. There are three levels of Legacy Life membership: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Once your Legacy Life membership begins, an annual endowment in your name will be made to your Post, Department and the national organization. Your contributions are not only helping today's veterans but the veterans of tomorrow. You may also purchase a Memorial Legacy in the name of a deceased VFW Life member to help future generations know and remember their sacrifice and contributions. Remember all financial contributions to the Legacy Life Membership program are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

LEGACY LIFE MEMBERS

Gary W Adams JR – Gold
Earl D Baskett
William "Bill" Davis – Gold
Oscar W Hall – Gold
Willis "Howard" Minton – Gold
James E Montgomery – Gold
Roger O Rouellier

Gary Adams for State Surgeon



Hello, I'm Gary Adams from Grover King Post 1115 in Hillsville, and I wish to be State Surgeon 2020-21. I have been Quartermaster of one of the larger posts since 2015, and I've been involved in District 9 for 3 years now. I understand a lot of what make a post operate, and the dynamics of the membership. Please consider me for your Surgeon next June. I will work hard for you and do my best to live up to your expectations.

*-Gary Adams
Quartermaster
District 9 CDR
Department Inspector*

VFW Achievements

Post Quartermaster 2015 – to present
All State Post Quartermaster 2015-16 / 2017-18-19-20
All American Post Quartermaster 2015-16
District Quartermaster 2016 – to 2019
District VOD, Patriots Pen, & Teacher of the Year
Chairman 2016-2020
District Scout of the Year Chairman 2017-2020
All State District Quartermaster 2018-20
Dept. Honor Guard 2017- Present
Dept. Membership Committee 2017-Present
Dept. Time and Place Committee 2018-20
Dept. Audit Committee 2017-18 / 2019-20
Dept. Legislative Committee 2019-20

Military Career

Top Gun Master At Arms A School 2008
Bluejacket of the Year Camp Taji, Iraq 2009
Junior Sailor of the Quarter NOSC Greensboro, NC 2010
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Army Achievement Medal 3 Navy Achievement Medals
Iraqi Campaign Medal GWOT (Expeditionary)
Emergency Vehicle Instructor
Small Arms Marksmanship Instructor

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