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VFW VA COMMANDER
RICK RASKIN

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Past State Commander Charlie Absher. I'm happy to say that his Post and the Department were well represented at his viewing, funeral and interment.

I got to know Charlie when I was a District Commander and he was coming up through the chairs. I remember his cool approach to dealing with issues. He never seemed to get overly excited but

had the knack for finding solutions. I saw Charlie's approach as teaching moments and viewed his tenure as a mentorship for myself. We offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Laura and his family. Charlie was a good person and he will be missed.

I was happy to see a large turnout by Virginia at the National Convention. Over 50 people made the trek to Orlando to witness Doc Schmitz become Commander in Chief and Hal Roesch become Senior Vice Commander in Chief for 2019-2020. My congratulations to the record number who made All American this year. I am confident that we will repeat or exceed those numbers in the coming year. Virginia's hospitality room was also a big hit among the attendees. My thanks to Mark and Jennifer Winn and all of those who helped them manage the room and for also helping manage Hal Roesch's hospitality suite.

The Winter Council of Administration meeting scheduled for January 2020 has been moved from Blacksburg to Portsmouth. We were really looking forward to being in Blacksburg, but due to events beyond our control, we cannot have our meeting at the Blacksburg facility. The reason is that the University overbooked their incoming class and will be using the top three floors of the hotel for student housing. We were offered only the ground floor, which is insufficient to accommodate our members. Also, it would not be a good idea to operate hospitality suites at a facility shared by young college students. So, we'll be back in Portsmouth in January. The Department did not suffer any financial loss due to the move.

We are hitting the ground running with Schools of Instruction at District meetings. Additionally, we will hold two other training sessions; one for recruiting and one for quart-

ermasters and trustees. We'll have concurrent sessions to be held on the eastern and western side of the state. Recruiter training is set for September 14 at Posts 9808 (Mechanicsville) and 1264 (Roanoke) starting at 9:00 AM. Quartermaster/trustee training is on October 5 at Posts 2239 (Colonial Heights) and 1264 (Roanoke) also starting at 9:00 AM.

State Judge Advocate Eddie Reasor is busy planning a membership roundup in the 12th District for November 8-10. We plan to visit every Post in the District and get to know as many members as we can. We are also looking at another roundup in the 1st and 2nd District areas sometime in the early Spring.

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Please address all comments to the above address.

We reserve the right to edit all submitted articles for timeliness, clarity and syntax.

From the Editor's desk

I had the pleasure of meeting several outstanding volunteers at the Dulles International Airport USO, at the end of last month, as I saw my wife and son off for their 3 week trip to Germany. Many USO volunteers are also VFW members; what a great combination! It was really wonderful to see the banners saluting Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines as they head off to their next destination. When they can't be in their home town and near a VFW Post, it's wonderful that they have somewhere to hang their hat and engage in storied conversation. Thanks, again, USO!

On submission, please know that every article submitted for publication is appreciated! A few months ago, Ken Wiseman sent out a brief guide I put together, for the Posts to share with members. I'm including that guide here to ensure widest dissemination. Thanks again for your interest in The Virginia Veteran!

Yours in Comradeship,

Curt Vaughn

Editor

This is a simple go-by for submissions to The Virginia Veteran. Submissions DO NOT have to be in the format below...if it comes down to a format or just plain getting a submission, I'll take the submission! Please note that I do not typically edit them down. Most of what I do is work placement of submitted articles and photos to provide a layout flow and consistency. Please keep sending articles, or even photos with a caption, for inclusion...we appreciate each and every one of them. It is truly great to see all that our posts are doing for Veterans all over the state and even beyond! Here are some brief guidelines and information.

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Post 7059 Holds Annual Banquet and Celebrates 73th Anniversary

Fred Hill, Commander, VFW Post 7059

Post 7059 Farmville held its 73rd Anniversary and Annual Award Banquet in April. The program was opened with the presentation of the POW/MIA Rite and the tolling of the bell for comrades who had fallen in the past year.



WWII, Korean War and Vietnam veteran Joe Baldwin was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his continued excellence as a recruiter and dedication to the goodwill of Post 7059. Continued on Page 3.



Patriots Pen winners (1st Place, Michelle Mick and 2nd Place Dima Hama) read their winning essays on "What the Flag Means to Me" and Baily Minter read her Voice of Democracy entry "Why My Vote Counts". Congratulations to these talented and patriotic youth.



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7059 Annual Banquet (continued from Page 5)

By Fred Hill, Commander, VFW Post 7059

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Norfolk's Crockford Awarded for Service

By Eric Mallett, Junior Vice Commander, Dept. of Virginia VFW

VFW Tidewater Post 4809 Norfolk, Virginia at our last Post meeting 13 May 2019 recognized our former Post Quartermaster Richard Crockford for his many years of his service to our Post, as the Quartermaster 2003 to 2014, with a new Post hat reflecting his years of service. Post members lined up and thanks Richard Crockford. I thanked him for his service and ongoing help and the training he passed on during my turn over with him. Being the Post trustee he has kept me in check over the years. Congratulations Richard!!!



VA Mission Act 2018

Editor Submission from www.VA.gov

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Virginia has 27 Posts, 5 Districts, and the Department as 2018-2019 All-American honorees.

Ken Wiseman, State Adjutant/Quartermaster

In early July, now Past VFW Commander-in-Chief BJ Lawrence announced an astonishing list of Virginia Posts and Districts, along with the Department itself, that earned All-American honors. The list, which includes multiple Posts and a District who earned the award for the first time, represents one of the largest classes Virginia has ever seen.

Chief Lawrence made a late change to the rules of the program which ensured that those who did the work got the award, with equal focus on membership and programs. This moved many Posts up and highlights a broad and diverse group that stretches across the state.

"This is a great announcement but an even greater acknowledgement that putting in the work needed pays off" said State Commander Rick Raskin. Rick added "Posts of all sizes and from all over the Commonwealth earning this proves that dedication, not location, matters."

Past State Commander Ken Wiseman was nearly speechless. "I'm blown away and equally proud" Ken said. After a pause, he added "27 Posts, 5 Districts, and the State all making it shows the Virginia way of doing business works and we need to continue this so 2019-2020 is equally successful".

With the commitment of the state leadership to continue the success and a goal of making 2019-2020 the fifth consecutive year of achieving this award, the offer to help everyone could not be clearer.

With full confidence, State Commander Raskin commented that a phone call and request for help or advice is all that is needed. "The entire leadership team is itching to bring everything we have into supporting our Posts and Districts, we just need to know who needs the help" Rick said.

The following are the All-American winners: The Dept. of VA, and Districts 2, 6, 8, 10, 13. Also, Posts 392, 609, 637, 993, 1426, 1503, 1827, 2123, 2239, 2582, 2894, 3103, 3160, 4639, 4809, 6975, 7728, 7916, 8446, 8652, 9382, 9835, 10387, 10654, 10657, 10840, and 12145



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Post 9835 Patriot's Pen Guest Editorial Published—Why I Honor The American Flag

Reprinted from *The Fauquier Times*

By Arden Y. Manson

I honor the American flag because it helped me find my true potential. You don't have to be born in the U.S. to love the flag. You don't have to look American or have an American background; You have to treat others equally and be treated equally. It matters that you stay truthful to yourself through any battle in your life. At Fort McHenry, the flag stood through the War of 1812, clinging to the little piece of hope that lingered on through all the bloodshed and tears. I, too, have stood true to myself through conflict and tears. On Feb. 5, 2008, I was adopted from a country many American soldiers gave their lives to protect. I officially became a U.S. citizen, but I didn't always feel like one. When I first started school, I felt uncomfortable saying the Pledge of Allegiance, staring up at the flag, because kids always asked me questions about my parents, my adoption, and where I was from. It was as though they thought I was an alien. . As I got older, I started caring less and less about what other kids thought. I kept saying to myself, "Let them look, let them think what they want, but this .country is where I know who I am." After that realization, I carried on through each day no matter what words or questions were thrown at me. The flag made me feel included, not unworthy. Now, I take pride in my American ancestry. My great-great-great grandfather fought at the Battles of Concord and Bunker Hill. The Stars and Stripes were there with him, the 13 stripes symbolizing the original colonies, including my family's own ancestral state of Massachusetts. The red on the flag symbolizes valor, the courage of those who fought there, and my own courage in asserting myself here, too. The white stripes on the flag symbolize the purity of the motives for which my ancestors fought, and it also symbolizes the original goodness of every American citizen. The blue ort the flag symbolizes the justice of their cause and their perseverance in fighting fur it, and it also symbolizes my own perseverance to serve my country in the best possible way I can.

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Past Department Commander Charlie Absher Passes Away

By Rick Raskin, Commander, VA VFW

After a long illness, Past Department Commander Charlie Absher passed away on July 3, 2019. Charlie served as State Commander for the 2011-2012 VFW year and was a Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 9808 in Mechanicsville. He was a Marine Corps veteran and saw service in Vietnam.



2015 photo by Doc Crouch

I got to know Charlie when I was a District Commander and he was coming up through the chairs. I remember his cool approach to dealing with issues. He never seemed to get overly excited but had the knack for finding solutions. I saw Charlie's approach as teaching moments and viewed his tenure as a mentorship for myself. We offer our deepest sympathies to his wife Laura and his family. Charlie was a good person and he will be missed.

—Rick Raskin—




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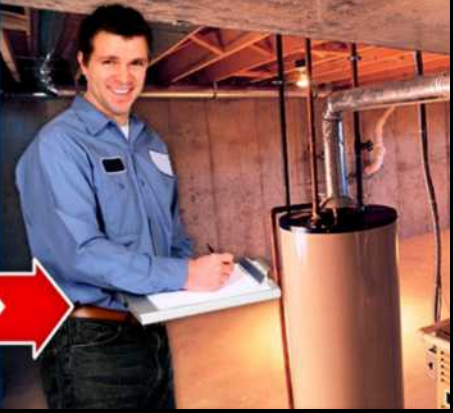
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National WWI Commission Podcasts Virginia VFW Author

By Greg Earns, Chief of Staff, 4th District VFW

The World War One Centennial Commission featured Virginia VFW member and military historian Greg Eanes on its June 2019 (episode #127) podcast. Eanes is a member of VFW Post 7819 in Crewe, serves as Chief of Staff for the 4th District VFW and is a visiting lecturer in U.S. National Intelligence at Hampden-Sydney College.

Eanes wrote Captured, Not Conquered: The American POW Experience in the First World War and commented on that topic. During the seven-minute segment he pointed out American POWs in 1917 had to 'write the book' on POW leadership and resistance techniques. He noted that much of what they implemented out of necessity was later replicated in World War II, eventually became military doctrine and is now taught in appropriate U.S. military schoolhouses.

Individuals can google the World War One Centennial Commission and do a search of 'podcast' to find the episode or visit link: <https://www.worldwar1centennial.org/communicate/2015-12-28-18-26-00/weekly-sync-call.html>

The Centennial Commission was created by Act of Congress in 2013 to support education, historic preservation and public events memorializing U.S. participation in the First World War. Its board includes Debra Anderson, Quartermaster General of the National VFW Headquarters in Kansas City. The podcast features stories on World War I and its lasting legacies as it pertains to the United States.



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Powerhouse Gaming Becomes an Exclusive Partner, Commits \$225,000 to the Foundation

By Ken Wiseman, State Adjutant/Quartermaster

During the State Convention, a new partnership was announced between Virginia VFW and Powerhouse gaming. The partnership makes Powerhouse the exclusive electronic gaming partner for the Department and provides numerous opportunities. The largest and immediate show of support was a commitment for \$13,000 as a convention sponsor and a three year sponsorship which will result in \$225,000 being donated to our Foundation for programs and projects.

Powerhouse Gaming is a manufacturer of electronic pull tab games that operate legally under Virginia gaming rules. While the company is not a stranger to Virginia, this partnership was a major step forward in how Powerhouse shows its support to the VFW and our Auxiliary. The three year sponsorship will fund programs in the VFW, our Auxiliary, and the Virginia Veterans Foundation (our official foundation). Annually, this includes \$15,000 for the Auxiliary, \$8,000 for our Service Officer program, \$6,000 for grants to Posts and Auxiliaries for their Post homes and community service, and much more.

"Powerhouse has stepped up in a huge way and proven it lives up to its motto 'Where the Charity Comes First' which strengthens the work we do" said State Commander Rick Raskin.

The partnership has other options including help that Powerhouse will give to Posts who seek a permanent home and help to start new Posts. Those with homes can look at charitable gaming as a strong, proven source of gaming. Additionally, Powerhouse partners with other companies who provide paper pull tabs, paper materials for bingo, items needed for canteens, and other support.

"Having a home changes everything for a Post and makes their future even brighter" said State Commander Raskin. Rick added "Seeing this as part of what Powerhouse offered to help with convinced a lot of people this was the right partner for us".

Once the State Council of Administration approved the partnership on the Thursday of State Convention, Past State Commander Ken Wiseman and Past State President Patty Baskett accepted the ceremonial checks on behalf of the organization.



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Tribute to Veterans of the Century

By Fred Hill, Commander, VFW Post 7059

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary D-Day

Farmville, Virginia - Post 7059, American Legion Post 32, Town of Farmville and the Piedmont Area Veterans Council sponsored a Tribute to the 20th Century Veterans in Farmville, June 8th. Special emphasis was placed on veterans of WWII, (esp. the events surrounding D-day) and Korea, though the commemoration was to pay tribute to ALL who wore the uniform of the United States Armed Forces.



Post 7059 Howard Arthur received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Virginia Veterans Cemeteries.



Rosie The Riveter



Maj. Gen.(Ret) Bowra

The program was highlighted by music by the Heart of Virginia Community Band, St. John's Lutheran Choir, a moving "Taps" performed by Mr. Derrick Fellows, Keysville American Legion Honor Guard, antique auto display, American Legion and Buffalo Soldiers motorcycle drive-by and the opportunity to meet Rosie the Riveter (Post 7059 Auxiliary member, Chere Hill).



District 4 Commander Gus Villalobos and wife Aggie.



More photos at: <https://www.farmvilleherald.com/2019/06/honoring-those-who-served/>

Virginia Riders Donate Largest Check Ever to Vander Clute Ride for VFW Programs

Ken Wiseman, State Adjutant/Quartermaster

On the first full day of events at the National Convention, our VFW Riders set the mark with the largest donation ever made for the VFW's Vander Clute Ride. The ride, which is named for Past VFW Commander-in-Chief Howard Vander Clute and raises money for the VFW Programs Department, saw \$33,000 come in this year. Of that total, Virginia's VFW Riders raised \$19,000.

"It's a huge amount and we had an amazing team and great supporters help us raise it" said Virginia Riders Chairman William "Shep" Shepherd. Virginia has been the largest donor for each of the past three years but this year they surpassed the largest ever donation and were honored on stage for this. "Bring able to personally present our \$19,000 check to the Commander-in-Chief was a huge honor and I did it for all of the Riders who helped us get there" Shep said.

Raised through numerous events that culminated with the most successful "4 Seasons Poker Run" that Virginia has had, the money will support the many great programs of the VFW including community programs and help for those still serving in the military.



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Virginia's Own Hal Roesch Elected National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief

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Virginia is proud to have its very first National Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief and our very own Hal Roesch is the one with the title. Elected without opposition and with a loud applause from all of the Southern Conference states, the Air Force veteran took to the podium to thank those who had been so supportive of him, including his wife Beth and Virginia, and to continue his commitment to growing the VFW.

A Gold Legacy Life Member of VFW Post 3219 in Phoebus, Hal earned his eligibility after serving in Southwest Asia for Operation Desert Shield/Storm and Southern Watch, Hal spent 20 years in the Air Force. Hal has been a member of the VFW since 1991 and has earned the coveted "Triple Crown" award having earned All-American honors at the Post, District, and Department levels. Hal is now in the second of three leadership positions which will culminate with him being elected as the VFW's 122nd Commander-in-Chief in Reno, Nevada and he will lead our organization during the 2020-2021 VFW year.



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Post 1860 Lost in Fire - Raffle to Help Recovery

By Mitchell Rubenstein, Commander, District 7

On the afternoon of Saturday, July 11th, our VFW Post 1860 in Front Royal, Virginia was devastated by arson. Thankfully, there were no serious injuries suffered by fire and rescue officials, VFW members or our patrons during the tremendous efforts to save the post. In the end, the structure and the contents were deemed a "total loss".

While Post members are deeply saddened by this tragic event, a renewed sense of purpose has stirred our aged and experienced membership. Along with the Front Royal community, these Veterans, many having served in our Nations conflicts from WWII to the present day, are committed to restoring the Post and its stature as a charitable giving resource.

Our small Post has much fight left in it and with your help, we can rebuild a modest structure and reclaim our place serving the Front Royal and surrounding communities.

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Virginia Veterans Foundation Offers Grants

Ken Wiseman, State Adjutant/Quartermaster

Does your Post or Auxiliary want free money to fix up your Post home or do community service?

Our official foundation, the Virginia Veterans Foundation, has announced two grants which will be issued starting this year. The description is below and the attachments describe the grants. Please submit any applications for the grant to State HQs by mail, fax, or email. The deadline is November 30th. Only Posts and Auxiliaries in Virginia are eligible for these grants.

POST HOME IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform improvements on your Post home. The grant, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide six (6) grants worth up to \$500 for the 2019-2020 year. Should any money remain after the six (6) grants are paid out, those not selected in the first round of grants will be considered a second time. The requirements and application are located in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1st, 2019 and June 30th, 2020, the application is due no later than November 30th, 2019.

COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT

The Virginia Veterans Foundation, the official foundation of the Virginia VFW, has opened the window to apply for a grant to perform community service. The grant, funded by Powerhouse Gaming, will provide twelve (12) grants worth up to \$250 for the 2019-2020 year. Should any money remain after the twelve (12) grants are paid out, those not selected in the first round of grants will be considered a second time. The requirements and application are located in the attachments. While the project can be completed anytime between July 1st, 2019 and June 30th, 2020, the application is due no later than November 30th, 2019. Posts AND Auxiliaries can apply for this grant, but only one grant will be given to an individual Post or their Auxiliary, regardless of who applies.

Applications for both grants can be found at <https://vfwva.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?pid=63309>



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National Auxiliary President Sandi Kriebel Visit to Virginia

By Cathy Graham, Past Department President

On Sunday April 14, 2019, National President Sandi Kriebel arrived at Roanoke Airport after a two-hour delay in Charleston, NC. She was met by a delegation led by Virginia Department President Patty Baskett. With her were her line officers and Post and Auxiliary from the area. An honor guard made up of Boy Scout Troop 109 from the Loudon Ave Christian Church consisting of two Scout Masters (Elijah Law and Devonte Johnson) and four Scouts (Jaylin Barnes, Jaylin Watson, Schrod Hairston, and Zion Farland). They provided an Aisle of Honor for her to walk through for her official welcome. As the Mayor of Roanoke could not attend, Council Member Djuna Osborne officially welcomed National President Kriebel to Virginia. We completed the ceremony with a group shot the President Kriebel wanted for her scrapbook.

Next on the agenda was lunch at the Hibachi Grill and then checking into the hotel. We left from the hotel and headed to Dixie Cavern for our tour. Our tour guide Van was great. Once he realized our interest he relaxed and the stories flowed naturally. The cave is one of two in Virginia that is commercialized with lights, concrete floors and hand rails. The highlight of the tour was the ability to take a picture of the one bat that had not left the cave yet.

After the Caverns it was on to Lord Botetourt VFW Post 1841 for dinner. President Kriebel was escorted to the Aisle of Honor by Conductor Fred Jennings. The Aisle was composed of Auxiliary members, Department officers and finally District officers. After being pinned with a patriotic corsage, she individually greeted and talked with the members on her way to the head table.



Past National President Dee Guillory was the Mistress of Ceremonies. The dinner started with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer. After everyone was through eating, PNP Guillory introduced President Sandi for her remarks. After an inspiring speech, gifts for the President Sandi were then presented by some of the members present. We then assembled for a group photograph and then added the Rosie the Riveter fist pump. President Sandi then graciously posed for photos with others and especially a group shot with Auxiliary 1841 Auxiliary members. The next day, Monday April 15th started later with lunch at 11:30 at Irving L. Manning VFW Post 1264. While the lunch attendance was a bit sparse, due to the fact that it was a work day, it was well received and lively. Department Commander Ken Wiseman, Post Quartermaster Richard Donnelly, and Auxiliary President Amanda Baumgardner were all present to greet National President Sandi. Sixth District Council Member, Betty Gimble, was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the lunch. After the lunch, we left to go to the National D-Day Memorial in Bedford, VA.

After getting our tickets at the Welcome Center, we went on to the Memorial itself. After a brief introduction about the history of the Memorial and presentation to President Sandi, we toured the Memorial. Our tour guide was David Hale, a member of the Board of Directors and one of the original volunteers. The Memorial was developed in stages as donations became available. It is divided into sections that depict the sequence of events from planning to execution of the D-Day

operation. Statues of the many General Officers and equivalent ranks are sprinkled through the opening section of the Memorial. Plaques showing all of the units involved whether land, sea or air, are shown on walls that contribute to the overall design of the Memorial. President Sandi Kriebel even got to pose with a Rosie the Riveter Plaque.

After we finished the tour, we went to dinner at Liberty Station, a renovated train station that was built before the Civil War. President Sandi Kriebel left us for the Airport the next morning, Tuesday April 16th, at 6 am.

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Left: Group shot at Airport. Back Row: Devonte Johnson Scout Master, Earl Baskett, Marcia Semones SVP, Zion Farland Boy Scout, Jaylin Barnes Boy Scout, Grace Tessoro 6th Dist. President, Mary Corkhill Pres. 7589, Shema Peppers COS, Cathy Graham Historian, Elijah Law Scout Master. Front row: Andre Perry CDR VFW 10840, Patty Baskett Dept. President, Sandi Kriebel National President, Djuna Osborne Council Member, Joanne Fields, Alverta Steptoe, Kathy Birch 7th Dist. President. Kneeling: Echo Baskett and Andrea Baskett.

Below: Group Shot posing as Rosie the Riveter. Front row: Kathy Birch 7th Dist. Pres. Penny Nail, Alverta Steptoe, Nancy Waddell, Dot Hillary, Ruby Taylor VFWA 1841 Pres., Patty Baskett Dept. Pres., Sandi Kriebel National Pres., Darlene Mays-Tittman National Home Rep., Judy Lupole, Marcia Semones SVP, Betty Gimble 6th Dist. Council member, Maggie Myers JVP and Georgette Bannion. Middle row: Abby Fedor, Alice Crowder, Joanne Fields, M. Taylor, Mike tessoro, Grace Tessoro 6th Dist. Pres. Dee Guillory PNP, Ellen Stogsdill Dept. Secretary, Shema Peppers COS, Carol Vangi Chaplain, Mary Corkhill VFWA 7589 Pres. Theresa Evans. Back row: Echo Baskett, Mark Guillory, Earl Baskett, Fred Jennings Conductor.



Below Group shot at D-Day Memorial. Back row: Kathy Birch 7th Dist. Pres., David Colyer, Nancy Waddell, Martha Tierry, Andrea Baskett, Echo Baskett, Grace Tessoro 6th Dist. Pres. Anad Mike Tessoro. Seated: Cathy Graham Historian, Vicki Sandford WV Dept. Pres., Sandi Kriebel National President, Patty Baskett VA Dept. President, and Betty Gimble 6th Dist. Council Member.



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Virginia Adds Fourth Accredited Service Officer

By Ken Wiseman, State Adjutant/Quartermaster

We are pleased to announce the selected candidate for the new Assistant State Service Officer position in Norfolk. The office, which will open in September and be located at Post 3160, will help us expand our support to service members, veterans, and their families as we can help them secure their VA benefits.

Kelly Pearson, an Air Force veteran and member of the VFW, was selected to serve in the position. With nearly 25 years of service in the military medical field, Kelly stood out among those who applied.

“We are excited to continue expanding our Service Officer abilities and adding Kelly to our staff is a great step forward” said State Commander Rick Raskin. Rick added “with the number of veterans in Hampton Roads only growing, opening an office there is a natural next step and we are forever grateful to Post 3160 for hosting this office.”

Kelly, who will attend training in September, said “I’m looking forward to doing all I can to help as many veterans as possible.”

The Virginia VFW Service Officer team was responsible for helping over 1,600 veterans and family members recover \$29.5 million in VA benefits in calendar year 2018. In addition to the future Norfolk office, there are Service Officers in Hopewell, Staunton, and Dale City with regular outreach events to areas around the Commonwealth

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Memorial Day Snapshots

Just a note to thank all who participated in our busy Memorial Day activities. We had great member and Auxiliary turnouts for all of our events which we kicked off by placing flags on the graves of our fallen comrades
- Fred Hill



On the morning of Memorial Day a group VFW 7059 members and Auxiliary attended the excellent program at the Amelia Veterans Cemetery. Members placed a commemorative wreath.



members presented a patriotic program at the Woodlands Assisted Living Facility, recognizing the veterans in residence there with a Color Guard, reading of the poem "in Flanders Fields" and presenting all with flags and poppies.



A Busy But Successful Convention Concludes in Orlando

By Ken Wiseman, State Adjutant/Quartermaster

With the heat beating down outside of the convention center in Orlando, the 120th National Convention of the VFW moved on in the sunshine state of Florida. State Commander Rick Raskin led a large delegation from Virginia, including 16 of those who received All-American honors at all levels of the VFW. “We had an amazing convention and are fired up for a year that will be just as successful as those before” said State Commander Raskin.

Some highlights include the election of William “Doc” Schmitz of New York as Commander-in-Chief. The Navy veteran, who served with Marines as a Corpsman in Vietnam, challenged us to “Dare to Care” for our fellow veterans and service members. Also, numerous changes to the National By-Laws, Manual of Procedure, and policy resolutions were passed with Virginia as the author of some of them. Also, Powerhouse Gaming, our exclusive electronic gaming partner, joined us as the sponsor of our wildly successful hospitality room.



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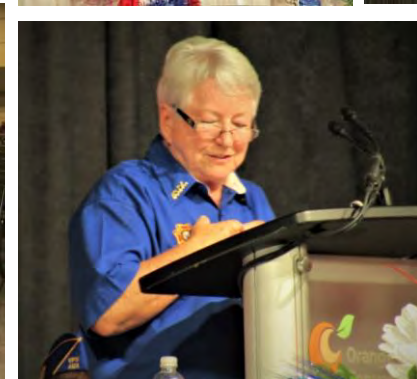
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120th National Convention - All American



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120th National Convention - All American



Coming in June 2019!

Front Royal's VFW Post 1860 was destroyed by arson in 2015. Because of flood plain code requirements, our new Post home must be constructed on a 12 foot platform and there isn't nearly enough insurance funds to even get started! This raffle is just one of many fund raising efforts we are conducting to keep the Post viable. But, we need **your** support in promoting this raffle among your membership and community to make it successful.

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FRONT ROYAL VFW POST 1860 RAFFLE RULES

Colonel Samuel R. Millar Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1860 (1847 N. Royal Ave, Front Royal, VA) is conducting a raffle named "2019 Ford F-150 4X4 or 2018 Ford Focus RAFFLE" to award a randomly selected person a 2019 Ford F150 4X4 or a 2018 Ford Focus, and a second randomly selected person the vehicle not selected by the first randomly selected individual. Tickets are available for \$50 each and will be limited to 5000 tickets sold (a 1 in 5000 chance of winning). The sale of raffle tickets will begin on May 12, 2019 and end on the day of drawing September 14, 2019 at 1 pm, online sales will end on September 9, at 9 pm or until all 5000 raffle tickets are sold. If at least 1100 tickets are not sold by September 14, 2019, the drawing may be extended. If 5000 tickets are not sold and at least 1100 tickets are sold by September 9, 2019, the drawing will still take place as planned. The raffle is valid for residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia only. Purchasers are responsible to verify the legality of participating in their jurisdiction prior to buying a raffle ticket. Any eligible individual 18 years of age or older can purchase as many raffle tickets as they choose. Sales of "2019 Ford F-150 4X4 or 2018 Ford Focus RAFFLE" raffle tickets will be conducted both online at the www.vfw1860.org website and/or in person in the Front Royal area from a VFW Post 1860 member. After your "2019 Ford F-150 4X4 or 2018 Ford Focus RAFFLE" online raffle ticket purchase, an Official VFW Post 1860 printed raffle ticket or tickets with a unique number will be filled out with information you provided and then forwarded to the mail address provided during the purchase process. We are not responsible for any lost or misdirected mail. If the raffle ticket is not received via mail within one business week after purchase contact vfw1860@vfw1860.org with all purchase information. This is a raffle - not a contest. All of the proceeds from the raffle will be used by Colonel Samuel R. Millar Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1860 to rebuild the Post home destroyed by arson in 2015. VFW Post 1860 is a Military Veteran Organization recognized under Section 501(c)(19) of the I.R.S., based in Front Royal, Virginia. Only 5000 tickets will be sold. Anyone who pays for a ticket after 5000 have been sold will have their purchase refunded. VFW Post 1860 is not responsible if a purchase cannot be processed after all 5000 tickets are sold. Nor is the Post responsible for purchases not able to be completed online. The randomly selected winners of the "2019 Ford F-150 4X4 or 2018 Ford Focus RAFFLE" will be drawn at the showroom of Shenandoah Ford located at 9135 Winchester Road, Front Royal, Virginia 22630 on 14 September 2019 at 2 pm. Colonel Samuel R. Millar Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1860 will announce/notify the winner at drawing if present or via phone number and email provided on raffle entry, and then will be posted on at the www.vfw1860.org website and Facebook Veterans of Foreign Wars - Front Royal VFW Post 1860 page ([www.facebook.com/Veterans of Foreign Wars - Front Royal VFW Post](https://www.facebook.com/Veterans-of-Foreign-Wars-Front-Royal-VFW-Post)) within one week after the drawing. Records of all entries will be saved by Colonel Samuel R. Millar Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1860 and not shared to any third party. It will be used to notify entrants of any VFW Post 1860 upcoming event or raffle unless specifically requested not to do so at vfw1860@vfw1860.org, (or for 12 months if required by Virginia state law). You do not need to be present to win a prize in the "2019 Ford F-150 4X4 or 2018 Ford Focus RAFFLE". Four tickets stubs will be initially drawn by the Commander of VFW Post 1860 (or his designated representative) from a container holding all completed ticket stubs. The first ticket stub for choice of vehicles, the second for the remaining vehicle, the third for 1st alternate winner and the 4th for 2nd alternate winner. Winner must complete all applicable financing requirements, make payment of all mandatory taxes and fees, and take physical possession of the prize not later than midnight, 14 October 2019. If the winner declines acceptance of the prize, Colonel Samuel R. Millar Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1860 will randomly select a new winner from all other entries received. The prize can be transferred. All taxes and other fees or expenses are the sole responsibility of the winner. Appropriate reporting to the winner and to the IRS will be provided in accordance with state and federal laws. Raffle entry grants permission to VFW Post 1860 to use the winner's name for future promotions and publicity purposes without compensation except where prohibited by law. The winner must sign a hold harmless contract, publicity, media and photo release , etc.

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