

## Commander's Message



*Your passion is your internal compass  
that will guide you from where you are towards  
where you want to go.* -Rick Warren

Comrades, we are at the start of a new year and it's going to be busy for all of us. Please take a look at the 2020-21 State Program Guide. There are a lot of changes: are your audits in on time, Buddy Poppies purchased for your Post's Buddy Poppy events, bonding completed before 31 August of all persons having access to any of the Post's monies, being ready for the District School of Instruction which is recommended for all those in Post leadership positions. Deadline dates have changed and the All-State plan is very different. I have noticed that some Posts have let the insurance for their buildings lapse. This needs to be remedied. Also, when you renew your policy make sure that a copy goes to State Headquarters. Some Posts will be renewing State Corporation papers and if you did not get the 990 filed or an extension on the 990 filing by 15 July, 2020, you might run into some problems.

With COVID19 still out there, make plans now if this runs through the winter. How are you going to reach the students for Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy? How are you set up to recruit new members? Is your Post set up and able to run zoom meetings or some other type of conference calling or video, and are the Districts set up also?

In regards to reporting, some are off to a great start and some are not. Does your Post have a plan in place to work all the programs with or without COVID19?

In support of our very own National CIC Hal Roesch we need to get membership numbers and get them fast. Start now! Set up teams at your Post and within your District in order to work together. Start a campaign to get more members, start calling unpaid members, get teams to go out while we can and visit Post members you have not seen for a while to see how they're doing. Your Post Quartermaster should be able to get you an updated unpaid list and keep it updated every month. Call them! If the Post Commanders and District Commanders need help call State Headquarters or myself. Stay on track and stay focused.. Set realistic goals. If we all work together, we will all succeed!!!

State Commander

Eric Mallett



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## News Release

The Department of Virginia of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW), the largest combat veterans service organization in Virginia, has gone on record to oppose any legislation restricting 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights says the organization's State Commander, Eric Mallett.

Commander Mallett stated that at the VFW Virginia State Convention, representing over 32,000 members from across the Commonwealth, Delegates unanimously passed a resolution expressing their full support for 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America. He further said that we oppose any attempt by the Virginia General Assembly to enact legislation that changes, alters, restricts or deletes any of those rights.

Commander Mallett stated, "Our Delegates and members feel very strongly about this issue and what they see as a continuing encroachment on the individual liberties and rights they fought to defend and for which many of their comrades died." The resolution cites "efforts in Virginia by some elected officials to infringe on our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights" and noted that those same officials "have ignored the wishes of Veterans, hunting enthusiasts, members of gun clubs and others."

All Veterans have taken an oath to support and defend the Constitution of The United States of America from all enemies, foreign and domestic. We continue that support and defense for the document as a whole and not just those parts that we might like or prefer. To do anything less would be a dishonor to those who have gone before us and a disservice to those that follow.

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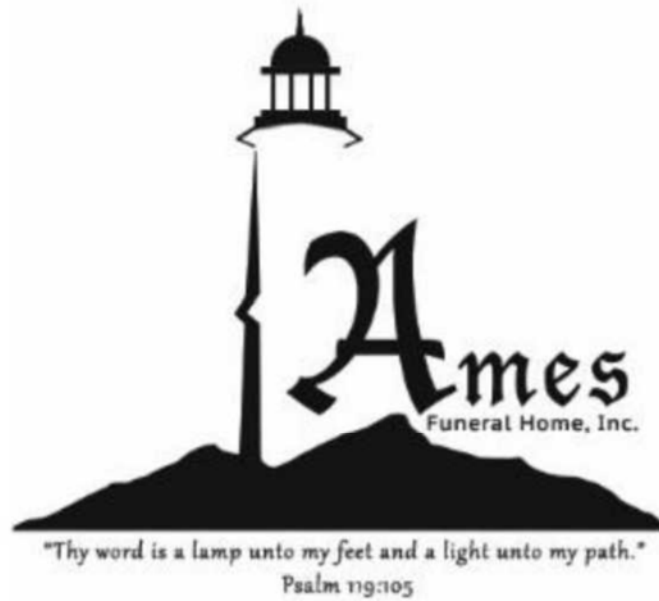
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## From the Editor's desk



Greetings from your editor. I am excited about this new year with Commander Eric Mallett. Please submit your Post articles and photos to me for submission into the Virginia Veteran newspaper.

*Randy Coker*



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# Virginia's Hal Roesch becomes VFW Commander in Chief

*VFW Action Corps Weekly—July 23, 2020*



**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Hal Roesch II, of Hampton, Virginia, was installed as the Veterans of Foreign Wars' 112th National Commander on July 23 during a change of command ceremony at the VFW National Headquarters.

Roesch assumes command of the oldest combat veterans service organization boasting approximately 1.5 million members, including its Auxiliary.

"I stand before you, humbled, elated and ready to selflessly serve the 1.5 million members and its Auxiliary as we continue the tradition of serving America's veterans, service members and families worldwide," said Roesch.

Roesch is a 20-year U.S. Air Force retiree serving from 1982 to 2002. He earned his VFW eligibility during his combat service in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm and overseas service as part of Southern Watch. Roesch is a recipient of three Meritorious Service Medals, two Air Force Commendation Medals, two Air Force Achievement Medals, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with valor, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three campaign stars, and numerous other awards and decorations.

Roesch joined the VFW in 1991 at VFW Post 3034 in Sumter, South Carolina, and became a Post commander at VFW Post 4542 in Spring Lake, North Carolina. He now maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at VFW Post 3219 in Phoebus, Virginia.

Roesch has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as VFW Department of Virginia commander from 2008-2009. On the national level, he has served on the Council of Administration from 2010-2012 and as the inspector general from 2016-2017.

Roesch said the VFW is preparing to build a 20/20 Vision For

Veterans and it begins with re-educating and reintroducing the organization to its communities and local and national leaders.

"We are the pillars of our communities," said Roesch. "We represent the strength of our nation. And we will lead the charge into 2021 and beyond in protecting the very benefits and entitlements that our service members, veterans and military families have earned through their sacrifice, commitment and selfless service in defense of freedom."

Roesch said the VFW is more vital and instrumental today than it's ever been because of the veterans serving at Posts around the globe.

"Our VFW remains the resilient force it has always been," said Roesch. "We are stronger today because of you. Together, our voices will continue to be a dominant force in our communities, on the Hill and within the halls of the White House."

He also reinforced the organization's commitment to inclusivity stating, "Our doors are open to ALL eligible veterans, and today I stand here before you and personally invite all eligible veterans to join our organization." Roesch replaced William "Doc" Schmitz as National Commander.

## Hal Roesch Homecoming Postponed

We are celebrating as our own Hal Roesch becomes Virginia's first Commander-in-Chief and we know he will lead us very well through this year. However, we cannot escape the fact that COVID will be a defining factor for this new VFW year like it was for the last year. Several states are seeing surging statistics related to COVID and we cannot put people at risk. With several VFW events impacted, this notice is likely not a surprise to many.

To that end, we must announce that Hal's Homecoming is postponed to **March 24-28, 2021**.

With this new date, all event registrations already made will be carried over and no new paperwork will be needed. Only those who sought a refund will need to register again. **However, you will need to make your own new hotel reservations.**

Further, we are happy to say that all tour opportunities will still be available and your registrations for those events will also carry over. We are very appreciative of the support we have received from the hotel and will be able to still have it at that location.

Please feel free to contact Ken Wiseman, the Commander-in-Chief's Homecoming Chair, with any questions. Thanks and stay safe.

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## VFW Post 9835 Honors Outstanding Students and Teachers

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Submitted by Jeff Dombroff, Commander, VFW Post 9835

On Thursday, Dec. 12, VFW Post 9835 in Warrenton presented awards to six students and three teachers from Fauquier County. The students were recognized for having the top entries in the VFW's annual patriotic student essay contests — Patriot's Pen (middle school) and Voice of Democracy (high school). For both, students entered essays on the topic "What Makes America Great." For an added challenge, the high school entrants presented their essays as a speech. Post Commander Jeff Dombroff said the Post received 58 entries from middle-schoolers in five of the county's schools and 12 recorded essays from students at four high schools, both public and private. The top three winners in each category were joined by family members and received certificates, medals and cash awards from the VFW. First-place winners in each age group read their winning essays to the packed meeting room at the Warrenton Visitor Center. The students recognized in the Patriot's Pen competition were: **First place** — Takiyah I. Pettie (sixth grade, W. C. Taylor Middle School) **Second place** — Ava E. Price (seventh grade, Wakefield School) **Third place** — Jane K. Brazy (seventh grade,



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Jane K. Brazy was awarded third place in the Patriot's Pen competition.

Wakefield School) The students recognized in the Voice of Democracy contest were: **First place** — Celeste A. Pollack (12th grade, Fauquier High School) **Second place** — Grant Freiling (11th grade, Fresta Valley Christian School) **Third place** — Clifton J. Tooker (11th grade, South-eastern Alternative School) In addition, Celeste Pollack's en-

try earned first place at District 8 level and is now competing for the state championship against the winners from the other 12 VFW Districts in Virginia. Post 9835 recognized the following teachers as Teachers of the Year: Arlene M. Thorpe, music teacher at C.M. Bradley Elementary School; Matthew Walker, civics and geography teacher at W.C. Taylor Middle School, and David J. Smith, Virginia and U.S. government teacher at Fauquier High School. Thorpe and Walker are also winners at the District 8 level and their nominations have been forwarded to the Department of Virginia to compete against peers from the other 12 Virginia VFW Districts. State winners were announced at the VFW Virginia Winter Conference in mid-January in Portsmouth VFW District 8 is comprised of VFW Posts in Warrenton, Manassas, Morrisville, Culpeper and Fredericksburg. Gary Robison,

quartermaster of Post 9835 introduced the winners. Since 2007, Thorpe has been the music teacher at C.M. Bradley Elementary School in Warrenton, where she has organized a chorus with students from the third through fifth grades. The CMB Singers have been invited year after year to sing the National Anthem at Family Day at the Potomac Nationals baseball field in Woodbridge. In addition, the students have performed at Gum Drop Square and in the Warrenton Christmas Parade. Each year Thorpe's third-grade students produce a "Salute to Veterans" on Veterans Day, and veterans from throughout Fauquier County are invited to attend. Robison said, that at the conclusion of the performance the students presented cards to the veterans in attendance and thanked them for their service. Matthew Walker is a seventh and eighth grade civics and geography teacher at W.C. Taylor Middle School in Warrenton. Walker goes above and beyond to give students a better and real life understanding of civics, citizenship and government. He has taken students on trips to the state capital in Richmond to meet and talk with our local delegate and to sit in the senate floor to see our government in action. He has arranged for local government officials to speak with and answer questions from his students. Robison said that Walker sponsors the Taylor Middle School Model United Nations student group and has inspired countless students to be successful citizens when they leave school. Robison quoted one of Walker's students: "He is kind, dedicated, creative, responsible, happy, polite, fun, a leader and a hard worker." David J. Smith has devoted the past 45 years of his life to teaching Fauquier County's young people, said Robison. A 1971 graduate of Fauquier High school (and a classmate of Thorpe), he has been teacher to fellow teacher of the year Matthew Walker and student speech winner Celeste Pollack. His lessons have always reflected patriotic values such as good citizenship and participation in civic life, Robison said, and his mock trials are legendary. Students take leadership roles in fictional trials and prove their cases in front of the judge, the Honorable David Smith. Robison pointed out that Smith is also the creative mind behind the website [www.smittycity.org](http://www.smittycity.org). In this age of internet connectivity, he has found a way to reach today's media-connected students that is fun, practical, informative and challenging.



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## VFW Post 9835 helps Veterans obtain Military Benefits

I enjoyed reading the article in the Health and Wellness section of the Feb 19 edition of the Times. And while the box listing “Help for Veterans” clearly stated that it was not a comprehensive list of organizations, I was disappointed to see that the Veterans of Foreign Wars was not among those listed.

The VFW, for more than a century, has led the way in obtaining benefits for America’s military personnel and their families. In fiscal year 2019 alone, the VFW was instrumental in recouping over \$9 billion in VA disability and compensation benefits, including \$1.6 billion in new benefits for Virginia’s veterans.

Through its Unmet Needs Program, the VFW can provide grants to eligible service members and their families facing a hardship due to deployment or military service. In Warrenton, Post 9835 sponsored four well-attended veterans benefits briefings and claims assistant sessions in 2019 and another was held this past January. One of the department’s accredited service officers briefed attendees on the benefits available and assisted more than a score of veterans and family members in initiating paperwork to obtain needed and authorized benefits. Another such assistance session was held on March 18, 2020 at the PATH foundation.

The Department’s Service Officers can be reached by phone at 804-452-1437 ( Hopewell ) 703-670-4124 ext. 6 ( Dale City) and 540-886-8112 (Staunton) . If a veteran feels they have a temporary requirement that might be fulfilled by the Unmet Needs program, send an email to us at [cdrpost@vfwva.org](mailto:cdrpost@vfwva.org) and can get the ball rolling.

JEFF DOMBROFF  
Commander, VFW Post 9835

## Virginia VFW Post Receives National Community Service Award

### *Chesapeake Post 2894 rallied community together for a veteran’s home renovation*

Jun 29, 2020: **KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars is proud to announce SSG Jonathan Dozier Memorial Post 2894 in Chesapeake, Virginia, was selected to receive the prestigious VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award, which recognizes VFW Posts for unique and outstanding community service projects.



VFW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch presented the 2020 VFW Fred C. Hall Memorial Outstanding Post Special Project Award to VFW Post 2894 Commander Chris Mulholland, alongside VFW Department of Virginia Commander Rick Raskin during the Department’s convention.

VFW Post 2894 was selected for its home renovation project for Brandi Jones, a U.S. Navy veteran and single mother of two. After a traumatic home invasion forced her to move in 2011, Jones relocated only to discover her home would need more work than initially expected, but she didn’t have the funds to address the growing list of concerns.

After a chance encounter during a VFW “Buddy”® Poppy drive, members of Post 2894 immediately set to work planning the renovation project. With support from several local businesses and associations, more than 150 volunteers rallied together to help ensure Jones and her sons had a safe place to call home. Valued at nearly \$25,000, the renovation project included new exterior floodlights and an alarm system, a completely remodeled kitchen, new flooring, fresh ceiling paint, a new roof, new siding and gutters, and a backyard clean up with new fencing and landscaping.

“When I challenged VFW members to ‘Dare to Care’ this year, the incredible level of support and dedication VFW Post 2894 showed their sister-in-arms goes above and beyond anything I could have imagined,” said VFW National Commander William “Doc” Schmitz. “Post 2894’s efforts are a perfect example of the values and mission of our organization.”

# Mitchell L. Rubenstein

## Candidate for the Office of State Surgeon 2021-2022



Comrades my name is Mitchell Rubenstein and I am running for State Surgeon. I moved from New York to Virginia in 2010 and joined VFW Post 2447 in Edinburg August 2012 as a Life Member. Within my first six months I was asked to serve as both Post Quartermaster and Adjutant. Over the next few years I also served as the Post Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and currently serve as Post Commander. At the Post I saw the need for, and led the creation of, our Honor Guard, the Post Riders Group, and I was assigned to be the Recruiting/Membership Team Leader. I am pleased to say we made All-State the past three years, and our Honor Guard and Riders Group have brought credit upon our Post as we continually receive positive accolades throughout the valley. Next, I was elected twice as the District Commander for the 7<sup>th</sup> District in the rural Northwestern corner of the state. We made All-State and improved many programs and administrative processes making us stronger.

I enlisted in the Army January 1981, served as an Airborne MP Explosive Detection Dog handler with the 118<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, NC. I was deployed and served with my unit and others during the invasion and rescue mission "Operation Urgent Fury (OUF)" in Grenada in October 1983. I joined the Army Reserve in June 1984, with the 812<sup>th</sup> MP Company. Soon after I changed my MOS to Infantry to be a Drill Sergeant and after 3 ½ years I returned to the MP's. I attended and graduated the First Sergeants Course 1993 and the Sergeants Major Academy in 1996. I retired honorably after 21 years of faithful service March 2002 at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. My Senior leadership positions were Senior Drill Sergeant, Battalion and Brigade ISG, and Battalion CSM (multiple tenures). In my civilian job I retired as a Po-

lice Officer from the Hempstead Police Department (NY), after 24 years of service. I held various positions as a Sniper/Observer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, State Instructor, Radar/Lidar Operator, Motors Officer, Field Training Officer, Honor Guard Trainer, and served on the PBA Board as the Corresponding Secretary.

Since my retirement, I am a Taxidermist (hobbyist). I have volunteered as a coach for the Woodstock/Edinburg youth football and basketball leagues, MMA football and basketball teams, Master Instructor for the State of Virginia's Hunter Safety Program and Tree stand Safety Team. I have been the President of the Blue Knights (Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club) VA XVI, Secretary of Blue Knights NY X, and was the 1<sup>st</sup> President and founder of the 118<sup>th</sup> MPCo. Airborne Association which currently has over 300 members. I continue as a member for the Honor Guard in both the VFW and American Legion as well as the Department Honor Guard.

I currently live in Edinburg with my wife Suzanne. She is a VFW Life Member, a retired Command Sergeant Major, and she currently works at VMI as the Director of Activities. My wife and I have been married for 21 years and have two children, daughter Casey, and son Sidney. I am a team player who works hard to support every organization that I am part of and would like to give special focus to the VFW at the State level so we can strengthen our organization by supporting our Posts and Districts. My experience gives me a strong perspective on the importance of State officers being engaged and supportive. Failure is not an option because our mission is so important for our members and all Veterans, Service members and their families. I would appreciate your support, and I will do my best to assist you and your Posts in anyway I can.

Fraternally,

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## Department of Virginia VFW swears in their 2020-21 officers for the Comrades and Auxiliary.



Department Commander Eric Mallett and the new Department officers being sworn in at the Department Convention.



The new Department Auxiliary President Maggie Meyers and her officers being sworn in as the new Department of Virginia Auxiliary for 2020-2021.

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## VFW 3150 Facilitates Car Donation to Veteran



Pictured from left to right, Veteran Jones, the owner of the car, Veteran Iverson, the recipient of the donated car, American Legion, Post 2 representative T. Cauthen, Sr. Vice Commander of Post 3150, D. Smith.

On Sunday, 2 February, Post 3150 facilitated a vehicle donation to an Army veteran who lives in Maryland. The previous month retired Army Veteran Jones notified the post that he would graciously donate his SUV, a 2007 Honda Element, if we could put him in contact with a member in need. “The vehicle was valued at up to \$3800 on Kelly’s Blue Book, and we made the process as quick and simple as possible for both parties involved,” said Sr Vice Commander Smith. The group met at her home in Maryland to officiate the handover of the vehicle and take this picture. Visibly touched, Veteran Iverson expressed immense delight and gratitude to those involved. She is recovering from cancer and a service-related illness.



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**Post 3150 hosts a COVID-19 Memorial Day**



John Lyon members gathered on Memorial Day for a socially distanced remembrance ceremony at the Cherrydale Memorial, aka, the John Lyon Memorial as his name is the first of several names included.

From the left are Bill Kelly, J.Gary Wagner, Auxiliary President Cathy Graham, Commander Eric Ganser, Karen Stewart, Nick Knowles, Bonnie Britten, Darrell Smith, and Mr and Mrs John Bartrum. Not seen are Thomas Liu, photographer Nelson Betancourt, and Howard Seamens Jr, Cherrydale Civic Association.

Fifty-four Post members' graves in National Memorial Park and Columbia Gardens cemeteries were also decorated. (Arlington National Cemetery was closed to all except family members with a pass.)

The community Clarendon ceremony was cancelled due to a smaller footprint and normally larger attendance prohibiting social distancing.

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## Arlington VFW Post 3150 conducts a COVID-19 Installation



Past Commander Michael McCartney (left) installs new Post officers for 2020-2021 during Installation ceremonies held outside the Post. Also seen among the new officers are (Left to right) Commander Nicholas Knowles, Trustee / Advocate Wayne Bertino, and observer Zac Matthews. Each Comrade being installed, carried their own stick flag for the outdoor ceremonies. Officers assumed their new positions on 27 June when the new State Commander was installed at the State Convention. The U.S. Army Birthday and Flag Day were also celebrated following the event.

## Purple Heart Day and U.S. Coast Guard 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday



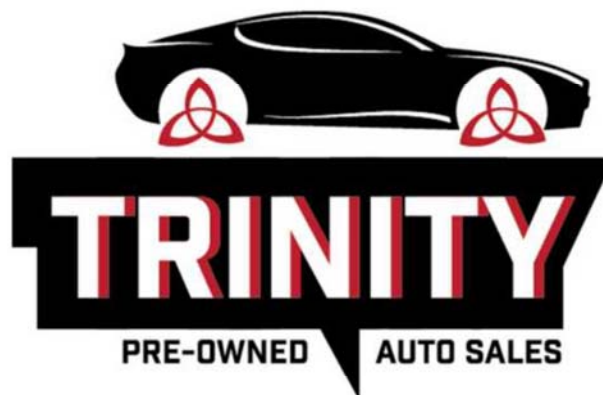
VFW Post 3150 in Arlington: U.S. Coast Guard veterans Zac Mathews, Bryon Dixon, and Chris Brock watch while Petty Officer 3rd Class Niko Parinella, USCG cuts the cake for the 230<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the U.S. Coast Guard. The ceremony was paired with commemoration of Purple Heart Day. The highlight of the evening was a show stopping training flight fly-by over the area of the Post by a MH-65D "Dolphin" helicopter based at the USCG National Capital Region Air Defense Facility. Past Post Commander Cliff Clevenger was in town and attended the event. He noted that the 19 people in attendance was the largest crowd for such an event he had seen and commended the Post for its growth and activities.

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# Comrades & Auxiliary of Chesty Puller Post 1503 conduct Flag Retirement ceremony.



Post Commander Tom Levitt



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Auxiliary President, Kelli Levitt and members of the Post Auxiliary assisted in the Flag Retirement Ceremony

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# Manassas Post 7589 resumes their Bingo

Post 7589 restarted Bingo on July 1 with the beginning of Phase 3 Conid-19 restrictions. Everyone wore masks and maintained social distancing. No one complained.

Although attendance has been light, with 30 or less attending, we still had successful sessions and made a small profit.

We've seen a steady increase in attendance as word gets around that we are open. We've actually been able to cover the use of proceeds requirement set by the State. Hopefully as the pandemic subsides attendance will increase even more and we will get back to normal operation.



Players enjoy Bingo on July 15 as Warren Ewell calls numbers.

# Post 1503 in Dale City, re-opens their weekly Bingo with restrictions for COVID-19.



Past Department President Betty Gimble works the admissions window at Post 1503 BINGO re-opening COVID style.



Bingo players are spaced 6 feet apart as Bingo caller Brian Candia calls on re-opening night.

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# Dale City, Post 1503 Comrades & Auxiliary join forces to re-build the Post horseshoe pits.



Working together, the Comrades, Auxiliary and family members joined forces to refurbish the horseshoe pits at Post 1503. Our members eagerly approved the funds to maintain a safe & fun space for our Veterans and their families, said Post Commander, Tom Levitt. Along with new hardware and backstops, over 3.6 tons of sand & gravel were moved into place. Although the work was laborious and the heat was intense, the 4 day 100+ hour project was a long awaited and welcomed time for folks to come together after the COVID-19 restrictions were finally lessened.

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