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William Miller, Commander
Dept. of MD Veterans of Foreign Wars

Comrades, Sisters and Brothers,

The National Convention is done, and many inspiring words were spoken there. Now is the time for all of us to buckle down and get our programs moving forward.

Membership – Always a priority! With 70% of our state membership being 66 or older, we need to direct our efforts towards our younger comrades in arms. Push the 50-50 Life Membership Program that is funded by Department.

Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the Year. The school year has begun, and it is now time to put out the flyers for these programs. Stress the scholarships and awards. Our VOD participant last year placed 2nd globally, and I know there's a 1st place winner in this state! And speaking of the school year beginning, please be careful driving.

Also, we have some special dates ap-

proaching such as POW/MIA day, the USS Cole Commemoration, and Veterans Day. Please make plans to have ceremonies at the Post and District levels on these special days.

Many thanks to all who have donated to my Commanders Special Project, the VFW National Home. I'm hoping to present two great checks, One for the Maryland House, and another to Patrice Green at our Convention next June.

*“Giving Star-Spangled
Veterans Service Daily”*

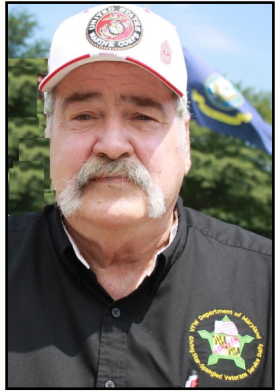
Yours in Comradeship,

Bill Miller

State Commander



**PROUD
AIR
FORCE
VETERAN**



JJ Everett
Jr. Vice Commander
Dept. of MD VFW

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for bestowing their confidence in my ability by nominating and electing me for the position of Jr. Vice-Commander of the Department of Maryland. I accept this position with great enthusiasm and look forward to assisting not

only the Commander and Senior Vice Commander, but all District and Post Commanders as well. I would also like to thank the Commander for appointing me to the position of Committee Chairman for the VFW National Home for Children which is very dear to my heart.

Being a Veteran myself, I am very aware of many of the unmet needs of our Veterans and their families. Just recently I was asked to participate on July 10, 2017 for the homecoming of the 29th Infantry Division at the M. G. Harry C. Ruhl Armory in Towson, Maryland. I felt very honored to be able to greet these Soldiers, shake their hands upon returning from deployment; and personally welcome them home and thank each and every one of them for their
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Douglas MacArthur
Adjutant
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades;

Well, the Department and the National Conventions are now history.

The Department is now up and running on the new Comcast Business Account. Please make note of the following e-mail changes as the old accounts will be disabled on or about September 30th:

adjutant@vfwdeptmd.org
asstadj@vfwdeptmd.org
receptionist@vfwdeptmd.org
reports@vfwdeptmd.org

Please send all reports to the new “Reports” e-mail address above. After I log in the report, I will forward to the appropriate chairperson. All reports should go through Department Headquarters.

Department has been receiving notifications of additions/ corrections/changes to the Directory. Please make the changes below to your 17-18 Directory:

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Community Resources Team Crime Prevention Alert

Motor Vehicle Theft and Safety Prevention

The purpose of this alert is to provide some suggestions that can reduce your chance of becoming a victim of this type of crime. There are many ways to keep you and your vehicle safe. These are just a few suggestions:

- Never leave your keys in your vehicle. If a thief steals your vehicle with the keys inside, they may have the keys to your home, as well as another vehicle.
- Never leave valuables or any packages visible in your vehicle.
- Park in busy, well lit areas of the parking lot.
- Copy your license plate and vehicle information (VIN) numbers on a card and keep them with you. If your vehicle is stolen, the police will need this information to take a report.
- If you have a garage, use it. When parked in a garage, lock the garage as well as your vehicle, and take your keys inside.
- Never leave your vehicle running while parked inside of a garage to warm up. This could be dangerous due to the carbon monoxide that builds as the car idles in an enclosed space.
- Never leave your vehicle running unattended. Vehicles are commonly stolen at ATMs, convenience stores, and gas stations etc. **Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm it up.**
- Traffic Article 21-1101(A) states that it is unlawful to leave an unattended vehicle w/o stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key and setting the brake. Fine is \$70 and a 1 point violation.

As always, call 9-1-1 if you see anyone attempting to break into a vehicle. **Do not intervene**, contact 9-1-1 immediately. Provide as much information about the suspect as possible to help the police. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the Baltimore County Police Department Community Resources Team @ 410-887-5901.

Council of Administration Meeting September 16

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Community Activities – Safety Chairman should be Arthur Westbrook, 410-504-4774, a.wes@comcast.net

Service Officer Mary Walters e-mail is mary.walters313@va.gov

District 6 Commander James Sanchez e-mail should be sancharooo@verizon.net

Post 5367 Quartermaster e-mail should be rtssteelmill@gmail.com

If you find an error or have a change, please notify Department Headquarters as soon as possible. Commanders, if you provided an e-mail on your election report, but are not receiving e-mails, please contact me to resolve the issue.

Our next CoA meeting will be on September 16, 2017 at Grasonville Post 7464 starting at 12pm – Summer Uniform. Elections will be held at this meeting for State Chaplain. Nominations are open to any member in good standing. Assistant Adjutant Gistedt will be covering my position as I will be on a family vacation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-752-6474. Please forward all faxes to the Department Hqtrs at (410-783-2939).

In Comradeship,

Doug MacArthur

Adjutant



Victor Fuentealba
Judge Advocate
Dept. of MD VFW

Delegates at the recent VFW National Convention considered 14 Proposed amendments to the National By-Laws, 17 to the Manual of Procedure and 5 to the Ritual. 5 amendments to the By-Laws, 11 amendments to the Manual of Procedure and 4 amendments to the

Ritual were approved and are now in effect. Sec. 717-Dues Reserve was amended by deleting Posts from that requirement. The delegates also voted to replace Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Procedure with the more widely used Roberts Rules of Order. Sections 416 and 516 were amended to reduce the time limit for officers, chairmen and committee members to provide proof of eligibility from 60 days to 30 days. The Ritual was amended by deleting "all persons not members of the VFW" from Opening Post Ceremonies and replacing it with "Unauthorized guests". Sec. 1004- of Article X, Rules of Order was amended by adding a revised Order of Business for Post meetings. Due to the adoption of Roberts Rules of Order in place of Demeter's. all Posts are

urged to purchase a copy of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised 11th Edition in addition to the newly revised National By_laws when available.

Vic Fuentealba



Frank Bennett
Surgeon
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades,

Now is the time to get your report into the Department.

Now that Fall is here leaves will begin to fall. Make sure you clear all low drains and gutters.

I encourage you to:

- ◆ Conduct a blood pressure clinic;
- ◆ Give out Cancer and Diabetes literature;
- ◆ Check on hospitalize veterans;
- ◆ Replace batteries in smoke detectors;
- ◆ Conduct Health Wellness Fairs.

Make sure to report your activities.

Yours in comradeship,

Frank Bennett

Check Presentation



Pictured left to right, Dept. Commander William Miller and 2016-2017 VFW Commander-in-Chief, Brian Duffy.

On behalf of the Department of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars, Commander Miller presented a check at the National Convention, in the amount of \$10,100, for the VFW Veterans & Military Support Program; which is comprised of the Military Assistance Program, Operation Uplink, Unmet Needs and the VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" Program. The donation given on behalf of the Department was the largest donation presented for the program..

VFW National Home One of the Best Kept Secrets

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service. It was a very emotional and rewarding experience for me. I would like to thank PDC Thomas Kimball, Commander Bill Miller, Sgt. Major Bragg, Pat Everett and all the Ladies who volunteered in making this a successful event. Refreshments, cake, vegetable and fruit trays were provided by the VFW, Department of Maryland and Sgt. Major Bragg.

The VFW National Home for Children, which is located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is one of the best kept secrets in the VFW. If you have never been there, it is definitely a place to visit. The setting itself is inspirational. It is truly a place where it reflects the integrity of what the VFW is about. They provide services 24 hours a day, seven days a week to our veterans and their families such as housing, schooling, and counseling during a transitional period. I am so excited that the VFW National Home for Children is the Commander's Special Project. To continue their success and survival, donations are very much needed. One way is by becoming a Life Member or Associate. Currently, the Department of Maryland maintains a house on the grounds which periodically needs maintenance and repairs with the

house and possibly replacement of appliances. This is accomplished through your donations.

On a personal note, I know there are many organizations nationwide that try to emulate the VFW but we are unique. We are all combat Veterans and family. We all signed a blank check when we enlisted in the different branches of service to preserve and defend this great Nation - the United States of America! We all feel the same way today. We show this in our support of our Veterans and their families - that we will never leave anyone behind. Our goal is that one day through our continued efforts, every Veteran will have education opportunities, housing, and medical services. To accomplish this, we should strive to increase our membership, encourage and maintain our camaraderie with our existing members and work closer with our Auxiliaries. It takes teamwork, and in doing so, we become a united family.

Respectfully,

J J Everett

State Sr. Vice Commander

Veterans Crisis Line



1-800-273-8255
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It's important to recognize when emotions reach a crisis point — especially when they bring on thoughts of suicide. If you know a Veteran or Service member in crisis, reach out. One act of compassion can save a life.

**VeteransCrisisLine.net or
1.800.273.8255.**

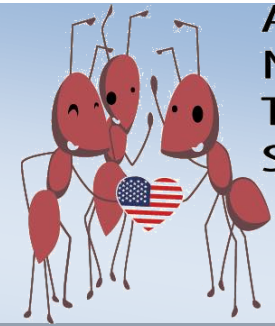
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In the Spotlight





Auxiliary News



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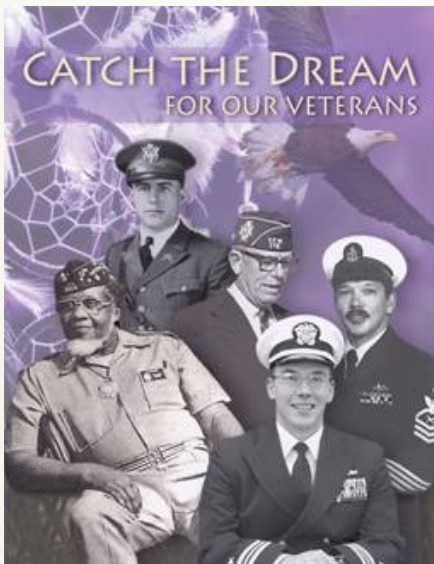
Linda MacArthur, Secretary
Dept. of MD VFW Auxiliary

Comrades, Brothers and Sisters,

Well, President Rooker, her Officers and her Chairmen are back at work promoting our Programs and planning Official visits. The Department calendar for September and October is getting fuller every day. Please take a moment to review the calendar and plan on attending your Official District visit and other events that are in your area.

Please note that the date of this year's Testimonial and CoA meeting has changed from March 17 & 18 to March 24 & 25, 2018. The Commander has advised that the Department will not be participating in the Wreath Laying at Arlington on Maryland Day.

PLANNING CALENDAR 17-18		
SCHEDULE OF VFW AUXILIARY MEETINGS AND EVENTS		
2017		
September	04	Labor Day
September	10	District 6 Official Visit, COL Harry L. Cooper Post 160 at 1:00pm
September	12	District 16 Official Visit, Wicomico County Memorial 10159 at 7:00pm
September	15-17	National President's Visit – See flyer for detailed information**
September	23	Council of Administration Meeting, Free State Post 8950 at 12:00pm
September	30	District 3 Official Visit, Oldtown Memorial Post 9451 at 1:00pm
October	07	District 1 Official Visit, John Trotter-Robert Stethem Post 8810 at 1:00pm
October	09	Columbus Day
October	12	USS Cole Remembrance D3—St. Mark's Episcopal Church; D5—Harford Memorial Gardens; D7—Antietam National Cemetery
October	14	District 7 Official Visit, Yingling-Ridgely Post 7472 at 10:00am
October	14	Department Recruiter Training, Yingling Ridgely Post 7472 at 1:00 pm
October	15	District 5 Official Visit, Darlington-Dublin Post 10146 at 1:00pm
October	19	VFW Auxiliary Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ), Yorktown, VA (See Flyer in SOI Material)
October	20-22	VFW Auxiliary National President's Celebration Williamsburg, VA (See Flyer in SOI Material)
October	27-29	Eastern States Conference, Portland, ME



** The National President, Dee Guillory, will be making her visit in September. Please see the information included for more details.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate IPDP Betty Stahm and her Chairmen for the awards they received at the National Convention in New Orleans, LA in July:

President: Betty Stahm, was one of the first inductees into the new "Circle of Excellence" for Department Presidents.

Americanism: Terry Dawson
Second Place Outstanding Performance Award Division IV

Hospital: Betty Dean
Third Place Outstanding Performance Award Division IV

Legislative: Mary Cardinal-Vogt, PDP
First Place Outstanding Performance Award Division IV

Membership: Carole Betro, PDP
Second Place Outstanding Performance Award Division IV

Veterans & Family Support: JoAnn Bush
Third Place Outstanding Performance Award Division IV

Youth Activities: Patty Palmer
Third Place Outstanding Performance Award Division IV

In all, the Department received monetary awards of \$2,000.00!

During the National Convention the following actions were taken on the resolutions that were presented for vote:

- Resolution to change Continuous Membership for Men's Auxiliary Members joining the VFW Auxiliary – DID NOT PASS
- Resolution to replace the word "Suspension" with the word "Review" – DID NOT PASS
- Resolution to delete US Citizenship as a membership requirement – DID NOT PASS

- Resolution to change Auxiliary year for Department Treasurer – DID NOT PASS
- Resolution to allow Debit/Credit cards – DID NOT PASS
- Resolution to allow Credit cards – DID NOT PASS
- Resolution to reverse location of VFW/AUX collar pins – DID NOT PASS

The full resolution content was sent to your 2016-17 Auxiliary Officers last spring. If you would like to read more about the resolutions, you can visit www.vfwauxiliary.org.

Below is a copy of the bio distributed by National for the new National Guard who was elected at the Convention in New Orleans. As you may or may not know, there were two VFW Auxiliary members from the Eastern Conference who were nominated. Congratulations to Jane Reape on her election as National Guard.



Jane Reape, of Carthage, N.Y., was elected National Guard of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 104th National Convention in New Orleans, La., on July 26, 2017. She is now in the first of five offices leading to the National Presidency, which she is expected to hold in 2022-2023.

A Life Member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227, she has served the organization in many capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department (state) President.

On the National level she has served as National Director for the Scholarships program, Eastern Conference Chairman for the Americanism/Patriotic Instructor and Youth Activities programs and as National District Council Member representing New York.

She joined on the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961-1983. In her spare time she enjoys traveling, she visited all fifty states, most Canadian Provinces, Europe,

the Mediterranean and the British Isles. She loves to read, quilting, knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching and cross country skiing. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren.

Congratulations also go out to our own Sandi Kriebel, PDP and member of Auxiliary 7472. Sandi was elected National Sr. Vice President in New Orleans, moving her another step closer to the National Presidency which she will hold in 2018-2019. Libby DallaTezza, member of Auxiliary 6658, was appointed as National Historian as well as maintaining her role as Maryland's National Certified Recruiter Trainer and IPDP Betty Stahm, Auxiliary 6506, was appointed National ESC Youth Chairman.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Auxiliary 5337 and all of you for your support in my election as National District Council Member #3 representing Maryland and New Jersey for 2017-2019. Sandi, Libby and I were installed during the National Installation of Officers on Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

REMINDER: Changes to the Auxiliary Directory will be going out in the September mailer. It is important to remember that any changes in President, Secretary or Treasurer or meeting location/day/time should be reported immediately to either myself or Carole Betro, Department Treasurer.

Lyn MacArthur



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September.**

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**VFW Auxiliary National President
Dee Guillory
Visit to Maryland**



Friday, September 15th -

*Lunch @ Adam's Taphouse & Grille @ 11:30 am
www.adamsgrilleprincefrederick.com/menu/

* Visit to Running Hare Vineyards @ 1:00 pm
www.runningharevineyard.com/visit-running-hare/

* Meet 'n Greet National President Dee @ 7:00pm
Patuxent River NAS VFW Post #2632

Accommodations for Friday night @
Holiday Inn Express
45260 Abell House Lane
California, MD
301-880-3851
(may get best rate by using www.Booking.com)

Saturday, September 16th -

* Tour Charlotte Hall Veterans Home 10:30 am
Visit with veterans and attend the Fall Carnival beginning @ 1:00 pm

* Travel to Eastern Shore

* Dinner and fun with President Dee @ 6:30 pm
Meuse Post #194, Salisbury
Menu: Homemade Crab Cake & Fried Chicken
Buffet

Accommodations for Saturday night @
Holiday Inn Express
30232 Lighthouse Square Drive
Delmar, MD
410-896-9633
(may get best rate by using www.Booking.com)

Sunday, September 17th -

* Guided bus tour of Assateague Island State Park
Bus pickup @ Holiday Inn Express @ 8:30 am
Returning to Holiday Inn Express @ 12:30 pm

* Luncheon at Delmar Memorial VFW Post #8276 @ 1:00 pm
Menu: Lite luncheon

For questions or concerns contact:
Libby DallaTezza
National President's Visit Chairman
VFWAuxRecruiter4MD@comcast.net
410-756-4155 h 410-259-1967 c

Love gifts will be graciously received by Dee at any of the above events.

I/we _____, Post/Aux. No. _____

plan to attend:

Friday September 15th -

*Lunch @ Adam's Taphouse & Grille @ 11:30 am
2200 Solomon's Island Road South
Prince Frederick, MD # attending _____

* Visit to Running Hare Vineyards @ 1:00 pm
150 Adelina Road
Prince Frederick, MD # attending _____

*Meet and greet National President Dee
Patuxent River NAS VFW Post #2632 @ 7:00 pm # attending _____

Saturday September 16th -

* Tour Charlotte Hall Veterans Home @ 10:30 am # attending _____

* Dinner and fun or Meet and greet with President Dee @
Meuse VFW Post #194 # attending _____ x \$12.00
Menu: Homemade Crab Cake & Fried Chicken Buffet

Sunday September 17th -

* Assateague Island Tour with our special guide Brian Sturgis
Bus pick up at Holiday Inn Express,
30232 Lighthouse Square Drive # attending _____ x \$26.00
Delmar, MD @ 8:30 am and return @ 12:30 pm

• Luncheon at Delmar Memorial
VFW Post #8276 @ 1:00 pm # attending _____ x \$5.00

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send total to:

Carole Betro
26595 Blue Jay Lane
Hebron, MD 21830

*All payments to be received no later than September 5, 2017

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In the Spotlight

