



## Gulf War Registry Health Exam for Veterans

VA's Gulf War Registry Health Exam alerts Veterans to possible long-term health problems that may be related to environmental exposures during their military service. The registry data helps VA understand and respond to these health problems more effectively.

Contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator about getting a Gulf War Registry health exam.

### About the Gulf War Registry health exam:

This comprehensive health exam includes an exposure and medical history, laboratory tests, and a physical exam. A VA health professional will discuss the results face-to-face with the Veteran and in a follow-up letter.

### Important points about registry health exams:

- **Free** to eligible Veterans and **no co-payment**
- **Not a disability compensation exam** or required for

other VA benefits

- Enrollment in VA's health care system **not necessary**
- Based on **Veterans' recollection** of service, not on their military records
- Veterans can receive **additional registry exams**, if new problems develop
- Veterans' family members are **not eligible** for registry exams

### Eligibility for Gulf War Registry health exam:

Veterans who served in the Gulf during Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, or Operation New Dawn are eligible for the Gulf War Registry exam.

You do not need to be enrolled in VA health care to take part.

## “VFW...Family”



**Thomas Williams**  
Jr. Vice Commander  
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades,

I'm glad to see everyone has made it though the winter. Spring is finally here! Hopefully everyone has their programs completed and their membership up to date.

The Department made 100% this year! All the posts did a great job completing this task. Thanks for all your efforts.

Memorial Day is coming up. We need all our posts to attend parades and services. Get out in the public and wear our covers, be proud of your post and the VFW. We need to show the public that we're still alive and kicking. We need to show our younger membership how it's done. Staying inside the post is not showing that we still care.

Memorial Day is coming up and so is Rolling Thunder in Washington D.C. in honor of all of our MIA and POWs. I

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**Frank Bennett**  
Surgeon  
Dept. of MD VFW

Comrades,

The year is coming an end. All reports are in for the year. Now is time to get ready for a new group of leaders. We must support them whole heartedly.

All reports for next year must go to Department Headquarters.

It will be getting warmer, stay cool, and keep hydrated. Make a push to get membership in to have a good showing this year.

I ask for your support, as I will be running for Surgeon again.

In Comradeship,  
*Frank Bennett*  
Jr. Vice Commander

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NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



**Lt. Norman H. Geisel**  
**USN Retired**  
**State Commander**  
**1991—1992**

Sunrise 2/12/1931  
Sunset 3/24/2019

Norman leaves his wife, Prudence Ann Geisel, his son Norman H. Geisel, Jr. who predeceased him in death and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, his daughter Susan Little (Bill), his three step-children Guy, Bill, and Laura, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

There will be no viewing. Burial will be with Honors at Arlington National Cemetery, on Friday June 28, 2019 at 2:00 PM (If you plan to attend please arrive at the administration building at 1:15PM).



**Patricia A. Gaydos**  
**Dept. President 1991-1992**

Sunrise 2/14/1939  
Sunset 3/23/2019

Patricia A. Gaydos beloved wife of the late Richard M. Gaydos, went to her heavenly home on March 23, 2019. She leaves to mourn children

John Blair, Jr. (Mickey), Jackie Morrison and Robert Gaydos (Debbie); grandchildren Angela McNelly (Chris), Amanda Mills (Jason), JB Blair (Maria), Mark Morrison (Sarah) and Jeffrey Morrison; great grandchildren Evan and Logan McNelly, Chloe, Ryan, Logan, and Aiden Mills, Luca and Sophia Blair, and Kailyn and Gavin Morrison.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Margaret Church. Interment was at Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. Patricia was a member at large of VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and served as Department President. If desired contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



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have been attending this event for 30 years. Most of you know this will be the last year for Rolling Thunder as the government has declared it too expensive. It feels like they say “thank you for your service” one minute and the next minute they’re taking something away from you. I have an appointment with Governor Hogan to discuss this issue.

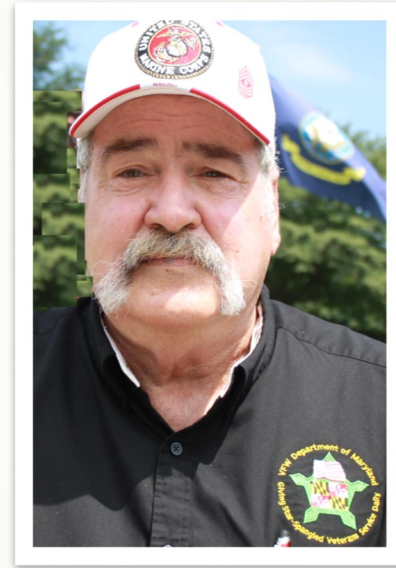
Convention is right around the corner and I hope to see everyone there. The Department will be having an OTI at the beach during Convention. The full staff and program chairmen will be there to teach. There’s no reason that you can’t start your programs early...so you can have them completed by Christmas.

Everyone be safe and I’ll see you at convention.

In Comradeship,

*Thomas Williams*

Jr. Vice Commander  
USNR Retired Seabee



On April 4, 2019, James Charles Everett, U.S.M.C. beloved husband of Patricia A. Everett, loving father of Brian Everett; devoted son of the late James W. and Santina Everett; dear brother of Roseanna Everett and Eileen Restivo (Tony); wen to his heavenly home.

He served as Commander of Charles Evering VFW Post 6506, District 14 Commander and VFW Dept. of MD State Sr. Vice Commander. At the time of his passing he was a member of Wells McComas VFW Post 2678. Contributions may be made in J J's name to the VFW National Home for Children 3573 South Waverly Road, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.



# Auxiliary News



**Dr. Joyce Thomas, President  
Dept. of MD VFW Auxiliary**

Greetings,

**MARYLAND IS 100%  
IN MEMBERSHIP!!!**

This has become possible because of your dedication, perseverance and hard work! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for a job well done!

Peace and blessings to each of you for all you have done and continue to do for our Veterans and Veteran families throughout 2018-2019.

The success that has taken place would not have been possible without your commitment.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the Testimonial Dinner. It was truly a

memorable occasion.

Congratulations and best wishes to each of the winners and participants in our first Annual Young American Creative Patriotic Art Award Program on April 28th at VFW Post 8185 in Port Deposit, Maryland.

Last, but certainly not least, we look forward to seeing you the first week in June at our State Convention in Ocean City, Maryland.

Sisterly,

*Joyce M. Thomas*

Dr. Joyce M. Thomas, President  
VFW Auxiliary Department of  
Maryland 2018 - 2019



# Auxiliary News



**Betty J. Stahm, PDP  
Membership Chairman  
Dept. of MD VFW Aux.**

Greetings,

On April 24th I was beyond being proud of the Department of Maryland as we reached our goal of being 100% plus one in membership before the end of April. As of today (4-26) the Department of Maryland is 100.35% in Membership. My sincere "Thank You" to our Auxiliaries who worked so hard to achieve this great accomplishment. *"Don't Stop Believin'!"* We still have annual members who have not paid their annual dues. We do not want them to lose their many years of service to the Auxiliary. Membership - It's who we

are and what we do. Without membership to our great organization, who would support and help our Veterans, our Active Military Members and their families. Membership - it's the **"WHY"** we are Auxiliary Members.

**I "BEE"-Lieved.....AND YES YOU DID!**



Respectfully Submitted:

*Betty J. Stahm*

Betty J. Stahm, PDP  
Membership & Recruitment Chairman  
VFW Auxiliary - Department of Maryland

**"BEE-Lieve \* Yes we can"....."Bee Miracle Workers for our Veterans!"**



# VFW & Auxiliary In the Spotlight

