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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

COUNTIES FOUR POST 10076 AND ITS AUXILIARIES
SERVING MARYLAND COUNTIES OF CARROLL, FREDERICK, HOWARD AND MONTGOMERY

Commander's Message — Alan Yeater

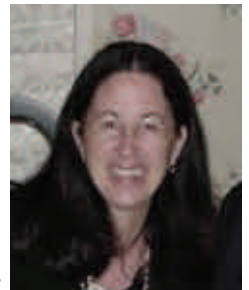
Spring greetings to all VFW members, Men's Auxiliary members, and Ladies Auxiliary members. Annual elections were held again in April for officers of the post, and there were very few changes. Mark Bailey, was elected the new Quartermaster, replacing Stan Ray, who is still recovering from a hip replacement. Stan deserves a lot of thanks for his several years of service in that position.



Another person deserving our thanks is Bob Washek for the fine job he did as the person in charge of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots' Pen programs. The winners of these programs were given their prizes, and presented their winning essays and speeches at the Post just before our March meeting. This was well attended by the families and friends of the winners. Also attending to congratulate the winners was the Mayor of Mt. Airy, Pat Rockinberg. All the elected officers of the Post and the Men's Auxiliary will officially assume their positions during a ceremony to be held together at the next meeting on 6 May. I am still hoping that more members will become involved in the activities held not just at the Post, but in programs the Post conducts for other veterans and the citizens of Mt. Airy. Hope to see you at the Post. God Bless America!

Ladies Auxiliary Message - Marilyn Browning

Ladies - our year is almost over and you've made it a success again. Sadly, we said goodbye to a few members this year. However, we have welcomed quite a few new members. I hope to see more of you at our monthly meetings. Without you we cannot accomplish what we want to or need to. Remember, we are here for our veterans - of all ages.



Men's Auxiliary Message - John Mullinix

The Men's Auxiliary would like to welcome our two newest members, Glenn Johnson and Charles Becker. We currently have 46 members... the most we've ever had! Please feel free to come out to one of our meetings, held at 7:30pm the first Monday of each month.



The Men's restroom at the Post was recently scrubbed down and repainted. Thanks go out to the group of Men's Auxiliary members who pitched in to accomplish that task.

Dates to Remember:

- Apr 3—Aux dinner
- Apr 20—Mt. Airy Chili Cook-off
- May 1—Aux dinner
- May 6—Post/Aux meetings
- May 12—Mother's Day
- May 18—Armed Forces Day
- May 27—Memorial Day
- Jun 3—Post/Aux meetings
- Jun 3—7 VFW Convention
- Jun 14—Flag Day
- Jun 16—Father's Day



CONGRATULATIONS!

The individuals noted below are the newly elected and appointed officers and committee chairs for the 2013—2014 period. These members were elected/appointed at the 1 April 2013 Post 10076 Business Meeting and will be installed during the May 2013 Business Meeting. The positions become effective upon the date the Department Commander is elected at the State Convention in Ocean City during the first week of June. Please join me in congratulating them for their positions.

Elected Officers:

COMMANDER: Alan N. Yeater

SR. VICE COMMANDER: Josh Vito

JR. VICE COMMANDER: Charles (Ladd) Proctor

QUARTERMASTER: Mark R Bailey

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Roy True

CHAPLAIN: Ralph Fitzgerald

TRUSTEES:

(1st Year): Edward Parenteau

(2nd Year): William Guilday

(3rd Year): Daniel Boone



Appointed Officers:

ADJUTANT: Mark R Bailey

SARGEANT-AT-ARMS/OFFICER OF THE DAY: Edward Parenteau

SERVICE OFFICER: Steve Moe

Post Committee Chairs:

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Robert Browning

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, SCHOLARSHIP & RECOGNITION:
William Guilday

VOICE OF DEMOCRACY: Robert Washek



It's all about the ladies!

Newly Elected Officers for the Ladies Auxiliary

President: Marilyn Browning
Sr Vice: Mary Beth Talamo
Jr Vice: Mary Crown
Secretary/Treasurer: Diann Linton
Chaplain: Roseanne Parenteau
Asst Chaplain: Mary Ann Sadelik
Conductress: Roseanne Parenteau
Guard: Margaret Shaw
Trustees: 1 yr Jane Standifer
 2 yr Patsy Koontz
 3 yr Margaret Shaw
Patriotic Instr: Mary Beth Talamo



A Big Thank You to the Ladies

The ladies auxiliary donated cabinets and countertop to the post to run from the kitchen door to the office door. Glen Laudick will be installing them in the near future. Thank you Glen and thank you ladies. This will allow some much needed storage and space for the dinners.



Free Call Day

It is with great pleasure I report to you that the Department Ladies Auxiliary President's special project - Free Call Day on March 25 (Maryland Day) - allowed over 7000 minutes to our troops and their families with enough minutes still unused to allow at least one more free call day possibly two. This was made possible through your donations for this very worthwhile program and Operation Uplink. Thank you for stepping up and giving when it counts.



The Last Dinner of the Season

Don't forget the last dinner provided by the Ladies Auxiliary is Lasagna on May 1st !



MEETINGS

A few of you have listened to our request for participation and joined us on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. With the total membership this post has, combined with the Ladies and Men's auxiliaries, this post should be bursting with energy on meeting nights as well as the rest of the week when we are open. As it is, we have approximately 20 members show up for meetings between all three groups. Seems a little sad to me for an organization that represents so much for so many.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Counties Four VFW Post 10076 of Mount Airy, Maryland announces its scholarship program for this year. There are six \$500.00 scholarships to be awarded: The Sam Jewell Memorial Scholarship, the Frank Dertzbaugh III Memorial Scholarship, the Robert Stevenson Scholarship, the Bill and Chad Ruth Memorial Scholarship and the Ladies Auxiliary Post 10076 Scholarship. At least one of the above mentioned scholarships will be awarded to a graduating high school student. The Margaret J. Shaw Nursing Scholarship will be awarded to a student accepted to and enrolled in a Registered Nurse Certification Program.

Applications must be received not later than May 1, 2013 and can be obtained at the post home at 111 S. Main St, Mount Airy, MD 21771 or by contacting Mr. William Guilday at 301-829-6590. The post home is open after 2 p.m. For questions or further information contact Mr. William Guilday at 301-829-6590. Please encourage our youth to apply.

THE POST SENDS THEIR PRAYERS

Deceased



John Howard
Walter Fleming
Beverly Pickrell



Sick Call

Roger Wilson
Mary Ellen Naples
Earl Shaw
Walter McAlexander

If you know of a member or one of their family that has passed away, is sick or in the hospital, please contact your chaplain so they can offer them some peace and/or encouragement. Also, take a moment and send them a card or visit if you can. It can really brighten someone's day. You may also notify the post at 301-829-1682 after 2 p.m.

STAY UP TO DATE WITH VFW POST 10076

Stay current with all of the news at the VFW

Phone number: 301-829-1682

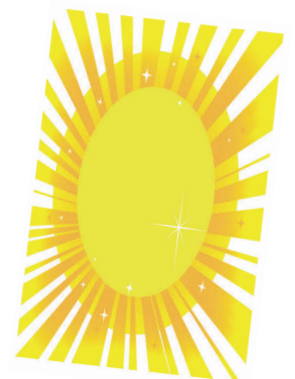
Friend us on Facebook @ Mt Airy VFW Post 10076

VFW Website: [Http://VFWPost 10075.tripod.com](http://VFWPost10075.tripod.com)

And the VFW now has Wi-Fi—feel free to bring your laptops, I-Pads and Blackberries!

Spring Safety Tip

Spring has sprung, finally! With the sun shining and flowers popping up we get the urge to get out there and enjoy outdoors. Do enjoy but don't over do it. We have all been hibernating for a few months and I'm sure there are some muscles we haven't used in a while. And as always, don't forget the sunscreen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Frederick Celtic Festival Benefitting Wounded Warriors



This year the Frederick Celtic Festival will be held at the Mt. Airy Carnival Grounds, Twin Arch Road, on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 9 AM to 6 PM A night benefit concert (separate admission) will be held at the Main Pub Stage on the Carnival Grounds from 7 PM to 10 PM. 100% of all ticket sales for the Night Concert (\$10.00 per ticket) will be donated to two Wounded Warrior charities, the "Wounded Warrior Project" and "Operation Ward 57".

Wounded Warriors who were wounded from 2002 to date are invited to attend the day and night events as guest of honor together with their immediate family at no charge. Transportation for those who are still in the hospital and rehabilitation centers will be coordinated.

There will be between 3-6 Wounded Warriors donning Kilts and competing alongside the professionals and amateurs on the athletic field in the Scottish Athletic competition.

Any sponsorship in the form of cash donations, goods and/or services donated would be greatly appreciated.

8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day

The 8th Annual Veterans Appreciation Day will be held at the Izaak Walton League of America, Wildlife Achievement Chapter, 26430 Mullinix Mill Rd, Damascus, Md 21771 from 9 Am to 3:30 PM on Saturday, June 1, 2013.

Military Veterans from WW II to Iraq and Afghanistan will have the opportunity to enjoy the comradeship of fellow veterans and their families for a day filled with static displays including military vehicles, equipment, combat gear and gadgets. WW II reenactments, including live fire and flamethrower demonstrations, will also take place throughout the day. Veterans will also have the opportunity to shoot firearms from WW II through Vietnam to Afghanistan on the rifle and pistol ranges. Small caliber rifles and pistols will also be available for use by the veterans and their families. All necessary hearing and eye protection will be available for all participants.

Last, but not least, food and refreshments will also be available throughout the day at no cost for veterans.



CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen hours

Monday-Thursday: 2 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturdays: 2 p.m. – midnight.

Sundays: 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Planning a function? Why not use the VFW? Check with Bob Browning at 301-831-0212 for availability.

There have been some changes to the alcohol we serve. We have some “new” things to try and if we don’t have something you like, let us know and we can try to get it.

A lot of new faces have been seen around the bar. Be sure to say “hi” and make them feel welcome.

REMEMBER:

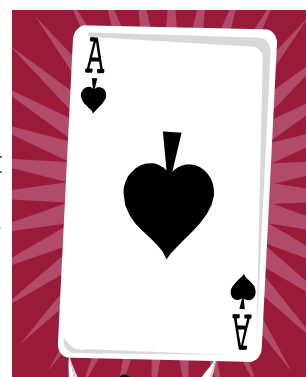
Without your patronage – the canteen will cease to exist.

ACE OF SPADES with JOKER’S WILD DRAWING

The new drawing for the Ace of Spades with Joker’s Wild has begun. The jackpot is now up to \$5200.00. Each Joker is worth \$250.00 if your name & number are drawn and you are present when it is drawn. \$125.00 if you are not present.

Stop in and get your tickets for a chance to win.

Drawings are on Friday nights at 8:15 p.m. You must get your tickets **each week** by 8:00 p.m. Friday to be eligible. Winner gets 60% of the jackpot if present and 40% if not present. Come take a chance. Yours could be the lucky one.



MEMBERSHIP: 2012 Dues are now due!

If you have not paid dues for 2012, you are now delinquent and have lost your privileges to participate at meetings and for the canteen. You can still pay and be reinstated, so take a moment and remit you dues.

The 2013 dues will begin to be collected after May. The Ladies Auxiliary offers an early bird special of \$18 due by Oct 1. If possible, consider becoming a life member and forget about the yearly notifications. Life memberships can be paid by credit card if so desired.

Remember—if you don't want to receive annual notices, buy a life membership!

Post Life Memberships:

AGE	ONE PAYMENT
30 and younger	\$425
31-40	\$410
41-50	\$375
51-60	\$335
61-70	\$290
71-80	\$225
81 and older	\$170

Ladies Auxiliary Life Memberships:

AGE	PAYMENT	AGE	PAYMENT
20 & younger	\$220	56-60	\$150
21-25	\$210	61-65	\$140
26-30	\$200	66-70	\$130
31-35	\$190	71-75	\$115
36-40	\$185	76-80	\$95
41-45	\$175	81-85	\$75
46-50	\$170	86-90	\$60
51-55	\$160	91 & over	\$50

11 month installment plan available

Men's Auxiliary does not have life membership.

Mail your dues to the following:

Post members: (\$30.00)

Make check out to VFW Post 10076 and mail to:

VFW Post 10076

Attn: Quartermaster

P.O. Box 13

Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Men's Aux: (\$20.00)

Make check out to VFW Post 10076

Men's Aux and mail to:

VFW Post 10076 Men's Aux

P.O. Box 191

Mt. Airy, MD 21771

Ladies Aux: (\$20.00)

Make check out to LAVFW-10076 and mail to:

VFW Post 10076 Ladies Aux

Attn: Diann Linton

203 Flower Ct

Mt. Airy, MD 21771



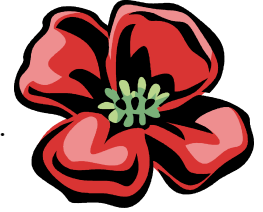
VFW Post meetings and the Men's and Ladies Auxiliary meetings are held at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of each month.

The Veterans and Family Support Program

This program is for our veterans and their families. It shows them we care and are here for them when they need us.

VFW National Military Service: Donations for this program go for Operation Uplink, Military Assistance program and the Unmet Needs program. Many of these veterans are deployed and it is so important to them to keep in touch with their families while so far away from home. Financial assistance is needed for the families left behind. While veterans are hospitalized for long periods of time it is vital that they be in touch with family members. The morale of these veterans is very important in the healing process. A card or package from home is so much appreciated. All donations go directly to VFW National Military Services 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, MO 64111 and earmarked for “National Military Services”.

Buddy Poppies: The Buddy Poppy is a symbol recognized for support of our veterans. They are handmade by our disabled veterans. All donations go to support these disabled veterans. The Buddy Poppy is used in numerous ways to show our support for these veterans. Buddy Poppies are given out and any donation made goes to the Relief Fund which supports our veterans, their families and our National Home for Children.



VFW National Home for Children: Donations for this program provide assistance in maintaining many of the community buildings on campus as well as provide funds for the families living at the VFW National Home for Children. The home provides housing for many of our veterans orphaned children. VFW National Home Life memberships are available. For additional information, visit www.vfwnationalhome.org or call 800-424-8360. There is also a confidential National Home Helpline—800-313-4200 for anyone in need of assistance.

Other Activities that help Veterans: Visit the nursing homes in your area, VA hospitals, homeless shelters—share your time with the veterans there. A kind word and a smile can do wonders for a veteran who is shut-in.

A Personal Sentiment

Awhile back I asked my dad to write down his sojourns during his time spent in the Army during WW II. It took him some time to do it but he finally finished it, put it in a notebook and labeled it his journal. It contains pictures, and missives written by other members of his unit from their many reunions held over the years. For Christmas this past year, I had his journal printed and a copy given to his son and each of his grandchildren. It was one of the most precious gifts they have ever received.

As most veterans, there are parts of their service they will never speak and/or write about as the memories are still painful to this day. However, he managed to write quite a lot—some funny happenings and some very serious. I have always admired my dad for the kind of person he was and is still at the age of 89. His journal reflects that image I have always had. I would very much like to impart to everyone—take the time to talk to the veteran in your family, if still living, and ask them to put in their own words what their service was like and what it meant to them. Some have done this already and many have been published. If the veteran is no longer living, get the family members perspectives of what was imparted to them over the years. It will be one of the most endearing gifts to your family and yourself that you will ever receive.

May God bless each veteran and God bless America.

