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2ND WEDNESDAY
EVERY MONTH AT 7 P.M.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Comrades,

At the Post meeting in August, a Post canteen committee comprised of the Bar Manager, Quartermaster, Senior and Junior Vice Commanders and Post Commander with the charter of overseeing all operations/efforts at the Post and providing any assistance required was created. This committee convenes immediately following the Post Friday meetings. The first official meeting was held on 6 September of which minutes will be presented to the membership at the forthcoming Post meeting. One of the committee's responsibilities will be to organize and hold several social events during the next nine months including a possible Fall Halloween dinner/dance, Super Bowl Party, St Patrick's Day celebration, and, a spring 2020 pig roast. As the feasibility and dates for these events are completed, notification will be provided to the Post membership.

I want to express my sincerest thanks to the VFW Post 9503 MOC/MOCA ("Cootie") ladies and gentlemen for their time

and efforts in making our VA Hospital Summer picnic on September 11th an overwhelming success. Several buses arrived with VA patients who were attended to by these members who prepared their meals, served them, played bingo and presented prizes to the winners, and overall, gave these hospitalized vets a wonderful day out. We all owe them our deepest gratitude. Please join me in recognizing their performance and thanking them for their time and service to the Post.

I encourage each of you to come out and participate in monthly VFW meetings, breakfasts, and social events, and see how the Post is performing.

Thank you and may God bless you, our military, our veterans, and God bless the United States.

Bill Dondero
Post Commander

TROOP TALK 7

BILL DONDERO, POST COMMANDER & SCOUTING LIAISON

Boy Scout Troop 9503 is entering its third year of charter by the Post with Mr. R. Petry as Scoutmaster, Mr E. Cammarato – Assistant Scout Master, Mr. J. Barrows – Assistant Scoutmaster, Mr. D. Donahue, Mr. R. Grady, and Mr. W. Dondero as Committee members.

Thanks to the support and generosity of the many attendees/donations at the monthly VFW Post/Boy Scout Troop breakfast. These funds are used to pay the Troop's annual dues. Again, thank you to ALL who attended! We will be holding a breakfast in September and October and then restart in January 2020 due to Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

The troop is in the process of finalizing the next 6 month schedule which includes Webelos Woods in October to introduce "graduating" Cub Scouts to the Troop, a trip to the US Naval Academy in Annapolis with a campout and attendance at the NAVY v SMU football game, in November, there are several possibilities for ski trips, and, the completion of possibly THREE Eagle projects!! These scouts attaining this rank is the highest achievement in scouting.

We are ALWAYS looking for boys 11-18 years old with a desire to abide by the Scout Oath, Scout Motto, and the Troop 9503 principals/by-laws based on "Back to the Basics" of scouting. The troop offers the scouts the opportunity to experience fun, new challenges, leadership, maturity, and new skills.

The Troop meets at the VFW every Monday night from 6:30-7:30 P.M. during school semester and 5:30-7PM during the summer months.

ELECTED OFFICERS 2019-2020

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Jr. Vice Commander Jim Ramnytz
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President Daniella Lund
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VFW NATIONAL ELECTED OFFICERS

Commander-in-Chief William J. "Doc" Schmitz
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Vice Commander-in-Chief Matthew M. "Fritz" Mihelcic

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

The VFW National Council of Administration is comprised of elected national officers, the adjutant general, chief of staff and inspector general. Collectively, the Council is responsible for administering the affairs and transacting the business of the VFW in the intervals between annual VFW National Conventions.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE

As you have read in the Commanders Corner, a House Committee has been established. One discussion among the committee members is our selection of beers on tap.

Our current selection is Budweiser, Miller Lite, Yuengling, Sam Adams Boston Lager and Coors light.

Some of the committee members would like to see the addition of an IPA, something seasonal or maybe one of the brews from our local veteran owned Backward Flag Brewery. Others believe that the current selection is fine and members would not pay up to \$3 for a pint of a premium beer. We need your input.

There is a poll on our Facebook page. Please vote and comment.

<https://www.facebook.com/VFW9503/>

Thank you.

Mike Passeri
Sr. Vice Commander & House Committee Chair

"THE SCOOP" WINS...AGAIN!

For (at least) the eighth consecutive year, THE SCOOP has won the BEST NEWSLETTER, LARGE DIVISION AWARD for 2018-2019 from the VFW Department of NJ. The award may have the Post Commander's name on it, but it was earned by editors Kathleen Kelly and Mike Passeri. Also, a thank you to our contributors and advertisers, we couldn't do it without you!

Bill Dondero
Post Commander

POST SERVICE

Do you have an old worn flag that needs to be destroyed? If so, drop them by the VFW any day, and we will handle it for you. There is a box inside our door to drop them off, day or night. They will be destroyed in accordance with the US Flag Code.



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Pictures of our annual picnic for VFW members from the Veterans Home, courtesy of Post Adjutant David Rosenak.



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NEWS ITEMS

DEFENSE LEADERSHIP CHANGES

From VFW.org

The Senate Committee on Armed Services held a joint confirmation hearing for the Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy to be the 24th Secretary of the Army and for the Honorable Barbara M. Barrett to be the 25th Secretary of the U.S. Air Force. Both are avid supporters of the National Defense Strategy and will continue to ensure that soldiers and their families have the resources they need to guarantee quality health care and safe housing. Ryan McCarthy is a U.S. Army Ranger and combat veteran who served in the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1997 to 2002 and was the 33rd Under Secretary of the Army. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History from Virginia Military Institute and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. Barbara Barrett is a pilot, former ambassador to Finland, and served as a member of the Aerospace Corporation's Board of Trustees. She also was a senior advisor to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, CEO of the American Management Association, deputy administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and vice chairman of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board. She earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and a law degree from Arizona State University.

MIA UPDATE

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of seven servicemen who were formerly missing and unaccounted-for from World War II and the Korean War. Returning home for burial with full military honors are:

-- **Navy Fireman 1st Class Lawrence E. Woods**, of Texas, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which capsized after sustaining multiple torpedo hits as it was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen.

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-- **Navy Chief Water Tender Francis D. Day**, of New Jersey, was assigned to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which capsized after sustaining multiple torpedo hits as it was moored off Ford Island in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen.

-- **Army Air Forces Sgt. R.L. Tyler**, of Texas, was a member of Headquarters Squadron, 19th Bombardment Group, when taken prisoner after the fall of Bataan in the Philippines on April 9, 1942. He reportedly died July 18-19, 1942, and was buried in a common grave at the Cabanatuan prisoner of war camp.

-- **Army Cpl. Joe T. Avant**, of Mississippi, was a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, 31st Regimental Combat Team, engaged in intense fighting near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. He was reported missing and unaccounted-for on Nov. 30, 1950.

-- **Army Cpl. Autrey J. Betar**, of Texas, was a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, 31st Regimental Combat Team, engaged in intense fighting near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. He was reported missing and unaccounted-for on Dec. 2, 1950.

TRUMP TO GRANT STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR DISABLED VETERANS

From CNBC.com

President Donald Trump signed a memorandum on Wednesday to automatically cancel the student debt of tens of thousands of disabled veterans.

"Today I'm proud to announce that I am taking executive action to ensure that our wounded warriors are not saddled with mountains of student debt," Trump said in a speech at the AMVETS National Convention in Kentucky. "Nobody can complain about that, right?"

More than 25,000 disabled veterans will have their student debt forgiven, Trump said. The average balance that will be erased is around \$30,000. The president said veterans will not be required to pay federal taxes on their forgiven debt.

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FROM THE POST SURGEON

To bring effective, innovative treatment to the up to 50% of Veterans entering VA health care who have Insomnia Disorder, VA has developed an online training course called “Path to Better Sleep.”

In this podcast, Dr. Sarra Nazem, from Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Veteran Suicide Prevention, interviews clinical psychologists Dr. Carolyn Greene and Dr. Andrew Moon from VA’s Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention about Insomnia Disorder, the link between Insomnia Disorder and suicide, and how VA is bringing treatment directly to Veterans through the free, self-directed, online training course “Path to Better Sleep.”

If you have ever suffered insomnia you really do not need a podcast to tell you how miserable it can be and how the lack of sleep affects your whole life. Poor sleep can affect your immune system, making you more susceptible to catching colds, and even bone regeneration, which for the elderly can make recovery from a fall more difficult. And good sleep just feels better, we are less cranky, and our mood is better.

The good news is that there are treatments that work for stopping insomnia. Cognitive Behavioral Treatment for Insomnia (CBT-i) aims to improve sleep habits and behaviors by identifying and changing the thoughts and the behaviors that affect the ability of a person to sleep or sleep well.

Dr. Greene makes clear that CBT-i is not sleep hygiene, though it may borrow some techniques as a starting place. She makes it clear that CBT-i goes for beyond sleep hygiene; so, if sleep hygiene did not help, know that CBT-i is a different

treatment that does work. CBT-i has been shown to be more effective than sleep medication for the long-term on-going treatment of insomnia.

You can start now at Path to Better Sleep
<https://www.veterantraining.va.gov/insomnia/>
which is a free online tool developed by the VA.

SERVICE OFFICER

Phillip Zimmerman, Post Service Officer

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors is a ceremony representing the Nation’s deep gratitude to those, in times of war and peace, who have faithfully defended our country. This ceremonial paying of respect is the final demonstration a grateful nation can provide to our veteran’s family.

Every veteran; Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman, and Coast Guardsman are entitled to their proper Military Funeral Honors performed by uniformed members of the Armed Forces.

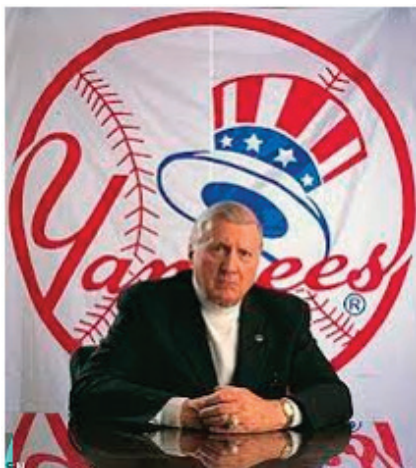
Military members in the following categories are eligible for military funeral honors: military personnel on active duty; former military members who served on active duty and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable; members of the Selected Reserve; former members of the Selected Reserve who served at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable; and former members of the Selected Reserve who were discharged due to a service related disability.

The preferred method for verifying eligibility is the DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty. If the DD Form 214 is not available, any discharge document showing other than dishonorable service can be used. Members of the Selected Reserve may not have a DD 214 unless they were mobilized under federal orders. A service member’s DD 214 may be obtained by sending a request to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO.

Families of eligible veterans may request funeral honors through their local funeral director. The funeral director will contact the appropriate Military Service to arrange for the funeral honors detail. For families that are not using a funeral director, contact the appropriate Military Service Coordinator.

Military units will provide, at a minimum, a two-person detail to present the core elements of the Funeral Honors Ceremony. These elements include the playing of Taps, the folding of a burial flag and the flag presentation. Under certain circumstances a rifle detail and pallbearers may be provided.

For more information, leave a message for me at the Post.



CELEBRITY VETERAN

Steinbrenner, George Michael, III, 2nd Lt, USAF

George Steinbrenner, Baseball Executive and Businessman was born in Rocky River, Ohio on July 4, 1930. He enlisted in the US Air Force in 1952 after graduating from Culver Military Academy and Williams College.

He served as an aide to the commanding general (M 5000-Special Services Officer) at the 301st Bombardment Wing, Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio. He was responsible for setting up athletic programs and sporting events.

After the Air Force, Steinbrenner worked in college football, as an assistant coach at Northwestern and Purdue. He also served as a graduate assistant to legendary Ohio State Buckeye football coach Woody Hayes. The Buckeyes were undefeated national champions that year, and won the Rose Bowl.

He later joined his father's financially ailing American Shipbuilding Co., where he helped affect a turn-around.

Steinbrenner bought the Cleveland Pipers of the National Industrial Basketball League in 1960. The team joined the American Basketball League the next year, and Steinbrenner made sports history by hiring John McLendon, the first African-American head coach in professional sports. He bought the New York Yankees in 1973, winning 11 American League pennants and seven world championships. The Yankees remain the most successful sports franchise in professional sports.

Steinbrenner and Elizabeth Joan Zieg and married on May 12, 1956. They have two sons Hank Steinbrenner and Hal Steinbrenner (current Managing General Partner of the Yankees), and two daughters Jessica Steinbrenner and Jennifer Steinbrenner-Swindal.

Steinbrenner died on Jul 13, 2010 at the age of 80.



POST CHAPEL

Almighty God, we pray for our nation, its leaders and our beloved military members during these unpredictable times. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist; "Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (NIV Psalm 119:33). May God bless all who are with us now and those who have passed on to their Heavenly Home. May God also bless our VFW and Auxiliary members now and forever, AMEN.

Phillip Zimmerman, *Post Chaplain*

HELP NEEDED

The Post has need for several individuals that can spare some personal time to assist with the upkeep/maintenance of the Post and grounds. Please contact Dave Ballentine, 732 300-1100.

In addition, the Post is considering re-establishing its former Color/Honor guard for veteran services and marching in the annual Wildwood convention parade. If any Post member is interested, please contact Bill Dondero at 908 403-2788.

COLOR GUARD

The Post is planning on reestablishing our color guard. While doing an inventory, we noticed that some of our color guard items are missing, especially uniform items. If you have any color guard equipment, please return them to the Post so we can get an accurate accounting of equipment.

If you are interested in joining the color guard, please contact the Post.



Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of New Jersey
2019-2020 State Commanders Project

This year's Commanders Project will focus on 3 issues that will improve the lives and wellbeing of New Jersey's veterans along with honoring our own forgotten brothers and sisters. Your donations will be used for the following programs:

MENTAL HEALTH / SUICIDE AWARENESS 40%: It is inconceivable that 22 veterans a day feel so alone and desperate that they believe committing suicide is the answer to their problems. This is not a generational or gender issue, 58.1% of veteran suicide victims are over the age of 55 and women veterans are 1.8 times more likely to commit suicide than non-veterans. I believe it is a priority for us to reduce a veteran's risk for suicide before they reach a crisis point and support those in crisis. We can't combat this alone and we must build networks of support, communication, and care across the communities where veterans live and work. To accomplish this goal, 40% of the funds raised will be used to support:

- Department wide participation of the 4th annual VFW Campaign to Change Direction on September 14, 2019, a national day of service and action to change the dialogue on mental health for veterans and their communities.
- Grants to Districts, Posts, and partnering organizations to implement support groups, awareness campaigns, mentor programs, etc., on the local level.

CONTINUED FUNDING OF THE DEPARTMENT VETERANS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 50%: Started by Commander Sarmiento, this important program lends a hand up to veterans and troops in need who do not reside in the vicinity of a VFW Post. I believe this program furthers our goal of assisting veterans before they reach a crisis point by keeping a roof over their head and food on the table.

MISSING IN AMERICA PROJECT 5%: Their mission is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of American veterans. Locally the project is coordinated by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 in Oakhurst.

GUIDING LIGHTHOUSE 5%: A transitional homeless veteran facility open to female veterans. The 24 month program includes mental health counseling, financial coaching and job skills training under the supervision of a case manager. The facility is located in Jackson N.J.

I hope you can generously support these projects and I look forward to working together to advance the VFW mission of service, representation and advocacy.

Thank you,

Barbara Kim-Hagemann

Department Commander

Mail all donations to:

***VFW POST 9503
Attn: Commander's Project
383 Veterans Blvd
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***Please put "Commander's Project" on
the NOTE section of the check.***

Good day (UNCLASSIFIED)

Wallinger, Maegan A CIV CENTCOM CCJ1 (USA)

Sun, Aug 25, 2019 at 8:17 AM

To: Lloyd Mullikin <[REDACTED]>

Hi Lloyd,

I hope this email finds you well. I just wanted to let you know that I received two boxes from you and your organization. Thank you so much. It was a lot of items for the ladies this time :-). We appreciate it SO much. The other items were great as well. The BX/PX ran out of deodorant so the box full of them came just in time. The greeting cards were perfect. We really can't thank you enough. You asked if we needed any phone cards, we do not. We still have some from the other packages that were sent.

As for me, I'm still hanging in here. I have an R&R coming up in [REDACTED] that I'm looking forward to. I will be back here on [REDACTED]. The heat is starting to break a little bit, thankfully. I've attached a photo from our awards ceremony yesterday. Presenting is our Commanding General, CSTC-A, and I'm the one in the back proffering the certificates.

Take care and THANK YOU again to you and your organization for your kindness and sending a little piece of home to us :-)

Sincerely,

Maegan Wallinger
CSTCA-HQ (CJ1)
Awards Manager



Post 9503 sponsors Mr. Mullikin's project to send care packages to deployed military personnel.

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COMING EVENTS

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OCTOBER 2019

Tues October 1..... Drums & Pipes meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Fri October 4..... Post 9503 meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Mon October 7..... MOCA lunch 12 – meeting 1 p.m.
 Mon October 7..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues October 8..... M.C.L. meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Wed October 9..... VFW Auxiliary meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Sun October 10..... Navy Birthday – Happy Birthday!
 Mon October 14..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues October 15..... Drums & Pipes meeting 7:00 p.m.

Fri October 18..... Post 9503 meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Mon October 21..... Crystal Lake Bingo starts @ 2:00 p.m.
 Tues October 22..... M.C.L. meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Sat October 26..... National Day of Deployment
 Sun October 27..... Sunday Breakfast 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Mon October 28..... Scouts Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Thurs October 31..... Happy Halloween!

NOVEMBER 2019

Fri November 1..... Post 9503 meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Mon November 4..... MOCA95 lunch 12 – meeting 1 p.m.
 Mon November 4..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues November 5..... Drums & Pipes meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Sun November 10..... Marine Corps. B-Day Happy Birthday!
 Mon November 11..... Veterans Day Thank you for your service!
 Mon November 11..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues November 12..... M.C.L. meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Wed November 13..... VFW Auxiliary meeting 7:00 p.m.

Fri November 15..... Post 9503 meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Mon November 18..... Crystal Lake Bingo starts 2:00 p.m.
 Sat November 23..... Touchdown Club Comedy Show TBA
 Mon November 25..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues November 26..... M.C.L. meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Thurs November 28..... Thanksgiving Happy Turkey Day!

DECEMBER 2019

Mon December 2..... MOCA & MOC luncheon
 Mon December 2..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues December 3..... Drums & Pipes meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Fri December 6..... Post 9503 meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Sat December 7..... Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance
 Sun December 8..... Relay for Life with Santa 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Mon December 9..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues December 10..... District 12 Auxiliary meeting 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Tues December 10..... MCL meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Wed December 11..... VFW Auxiliary meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Fri December 13..... National Guard Birthday Happy Birthday!
 Mon December 16..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.

Mon December 16..... Crystal Lake Christmas Party for Veterans
 Tues December 17..... Drums & Pipes meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Wed December 18..... PBA Toys for Christmas register @ Police Town Hall
 Thurs December 19..... Berkeley Seniors Holiday Luncheon
 Fri December 20..... Post 9503 meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Mon December 23..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues December 24..... M.C.L. meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Wed December 25..... Christmas Day Merry Christmas
 Sat December 21..... National Wreaths Across America
 Mon December 30..... Scouts meeting 7:00 p.m.
 Tues December 31..... New Year's Eve

Please check with the Post Canteen Manager, Rich Kirk, if you have any questions regarding a calendar item. Post Phone is 732-269-2225.

Attention Comrades:

YOUR post needs YOUR help. Volunteering just a few hours per month can make a big difference in the operations of the post. Some people are doing multiple jobs and need a break. Contact a post officer or come to a meeting and find out what you can do to help. (732) 269-2265 or VFW9503@gmail.com



Are you active

in your community?

Are you a Fireman, First Aider, Coach? Are you involved with Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts? Volunteer at your school or church? Let us know! Send an email to VFW9503@gmail.com and tell us what you do so we can include it in our monthly community activities report.

If all of our members could recruit just one new member, we can easily meet our annual membership goals. New members can go to www.vfw.org and sign up. There is a membership application in this edition of The Scoop. Chances are you know an eligible person. **SIGN THEM UP!**



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