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The National Museum of Americans in Wartime



The most important military installations in the world are located in Virginia.

Today, The Wartime Museum, Prince William County and the Commonwealth of Virginia are demonstrating their careful stewardship of military history, military families and military culture.

Pierce Homer

The Wartime Museum Board of Trustees, Former Virginia Secretary of Transportation

The Prince William Board of County Supervisors and The Wartime Museum Board of Trustees announced that a national museum will be located on a 70-acre site near the intersection of Interstate 95 and Dale Boulevard. The Hylton Family of Prince William County donated the site for The Wartime Museum.

"It is fitting that The Wartime Museum will be located in Prince William County where the military has played a significant role in our community's history," said Board of

County Supervisors Chairman Corey A. Stewart. *"This nation fought its first battle of the Civil War here in 1861, and the County remained on the front line of the war with the second, and bloodier, battle of Manassas. Our community has always been proud that many Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen have called Prince William home; and this museum will honor our veterans from all services."*

The Wartime Museum will be a one-of-a-kind, world-class museum. The \$50 million project will provide a new cultural, educational and recreational attraction in Prince William County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. An initial market study estimated that the Museum will create 50 direct and 35 indirect jobs, attract more than 300,000 tourists each year and have an annual economic impact of \$10 million to \$25 million per year at surrounding hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

"We are extremely proud that The Wartime Museum will be located in Prince William County and in Virginia, the heart of American history and patriotism," said Craig Stewart, President and CEO of The Wartime Museum.

The Wartime Museum will honor those who served in all branches of the United States military and on the American home front from World War I to the present day. The Museum will particularly focus on educating young Americans about personal wartime experiences, the realities of war and the sacrifices made by Americans striving to preserve our nation's freedoms. Indoor and outdoor exhibits will feature The Landscapes of War— authentic replicas of battlefield scenes— and will provide a dynamic, interactive experience so visitors can see, hear and touch military vehicles and artifacts.

The Wartime Museum will also be a core attraction along "The Corridor of Military History." This burgeoning tourism region in Virginia includes such prominent cultural attractions as The National Museum of the Marine Corps near Quantico and the planned National Museum of the U.S. Army at Fort Belvoir. Initial site grading will begin later this year, and officials anticipate that The Wartime Museum will open to the public on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2014.

For more information www.nmaw.org

FROM THE COMMANDER'S CORNER

Dan Condon, Commander



As we enter the dog days of summer things are continuing to heat up at the post. We got off to a good start with the Independence Day celebrations. Because the 4th of July fell on a Sunday this year, we decided to celebrate Independence Day on Saturday the 3rd of July. The day began with the Sons of the American Legion Commander, Jake Rike, Auxiliary President, Sherry Karlson, and I participating in the Dale City parade. For those that are unaware, the Dale City parade is the largest parade in Northern Virginia and this year was the biggest parade in years. There were over 125 entries and we were lucky enough to be toward the front of the parade. Thanks to the hard work of the parade committee everything went very smooth.

Then it was back to the post for a picnic. Because we were toward the front of the parade we were able to get back to the post early, and it was a good thing to. People started coming by early to get a head start on the fun. Thanks to the hard work of Wayne Hamilton and our own kitchen manager Sarah, the food was hot and the drinks were cold and everyone stepped up for a little of both. I also want to thank Scott Burgess and Jay Beck for manning the grills and getting the burgers and dogs ready for all those hungry people. We had a little bit of good luck this year. The weather was a little bit warm but it wasn't bad in the shade and a lot of people were able to sit outside and enjoy the day. Everyone was enjoying the day eat-

ing good food and listening the music provided by Joe Clay when a special visitor stopped by. Congressman Gerry Connolly decided to pay us a visit. He wanted to thank the post of everything the post did for our community and to thank all the veterans for their service to our country. He presented the post with an American Flag that was flown over the Capitol in honor of Post 364. I thanked him for his gift and let him know that we will find a special place in our post to display this special flag.

Receiving the gift from Congressman Connolly was special but the day was far from over. The next big event was the horseshoe tournament. This was one of the biggest turnouts yet. I want to thank Hook, Brownie, and Dale for all the hard work they put in getting the horseshoe pits ready for the picnic. I also want to thank Jay Beck for organizing the tournament and keeping everything moving throughout the day.

Although things were beginning to wind down after the horseshoe tournament was over, we weren't done yet. Our own Randy Bower set up his karaoke equipment on the deck outside the social quarters and the fun went well into the night. The entire day turned out to be a bunch of fun and I can't wait for the next picnic at the legion.

Then it was off to the Department Convention the following weekend. The post received a few awards including our own Dan Eubanks being selected as the District Commander of the Year. In addition, we elected the new Department officers and a former Post 364 member, Mike Mitrione, was elected Commander. We also saw the

installation of the District Commanders and it was a proud moment for all of us to see Thom Karlson sworn in as 16th District Commander. Then it was time to do a little catching up. Butch Miller, Past National Commander and member of Post 364 was in town. We spent a few hours with the Post 364 contingent talking about the old days. It was very interesting listening to some of the old stories and hearing about tales of some of our long time members. It was a very educational weekend.

Meanwhile back at the post. Jim Hawkins was busy with post renovations. New gutters and soffits were installed and all the masonry on the back of the building was painted. He also had a wash room installed in the kitchen which will resolve a long standing issue we've had during our annual inspections. Although there are still a few remaining things on Jim's list of fixes he continues to make great progress.

Before I close, I would be remiss if I didn't remind everyone about our upcoming fund raiser for McGuire Veteran hospital. On September 3rd, the Friday before Labor Day, we are hosting a golf tournament. The day will begin with the golf tournament starting at 8:00 AM using a Captains choice format. Then it's back to the post for a lunch provided by Armetta's Italian Restaurant. There will be prizes for the tournament winners as well as closest to the pin and a bunch of door prizes. So come out and start off a long weekend with some fun at the post.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Sherry Karlson, Unit President

What a wonderful 4th of July we had. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the day with us at the Post and for renewing your membership. I would like to say a very special THANK YOU to two wonderful Jrs. Kimberli and Katelyn Long. They were awesome always asking "Mr. Wayne" "if there was anything else they could do to help. For those who do

no know these two they are Cal Aber's granddaughters. Congratulations to Dianne Cabot for receiving the 2010 American Legion Dept. of VA VALPA Award. I really enjoyed attending Legion College this year, it's been many years since I had attended. Had a great time with everyone who had gone this year.

In the upcoming months we will be holding a our 9-11, POW/MIA ceremony and celebrating the Air Force 63rd. Diane Condon's working on our bus trip to a casino and a possible Yard Sale. Hope to see everyone at one or all the events.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA

Now you can find us at
www.vaauxilliary.org or on



In 1952, Dr. Garland D. Murphy Jr. gave to The American Legion a large contribution that would benefit children. The Legion and Murphy entered into a trust agreement that established the Child Welfare Foundation, approved by the National Executive Committee on Oct. 15, 1953. Though created by the Legion, the Child Welfare Foundation, Inc., is a separate 501(c)3 corporation.

CWF accepts funding proposals from nonprofit organizations for projects that contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children. Grants are only given to entities that help U.S. children in a large geographic area; they are not awarded for day-to-day operating expenses or special operating expenses.

In 1955, the foundation made its first three grants, totaling \$22,500, to three organizations: the Delinquency Control Institute, the National Association for Retarded Children, and the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness. To date, over \$9 million has been awarded to assist our nation's children.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION—SQUADRON 364, DETACHMENTS' DISPATCH

Jack Rike, Commander



Attention SAL members please review your membership card to ensure it is a valid 2011 card. If not the dues are listed below for 2010 members and can be mailed to:

Sons of the American Legion; PO Box 2121: Woodbridge VA 22195.

Make checks payable to SAL 364.

If your membership card is 2009 or older please contact an SAL officer at (703) 494-4304.

2010/2011 Dues

21 & older	\$25
13 thru 20	\$20
12 & under	\$15
Dual	\$10



The Family Circle - special thoughts and prayers for our family members

Convalescing

Jeff Bepko
Bob "Fitz" Fitzgerald
Lou Dorfman
Diane Peters

Prayer Requests

Our troops through the world.
Warren Diperna
Maggie Rica
Marie Mitrione

Post Everlasting

On the wings of angels
No report

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY

Robin Oden, Post POW/MIA Chairman
Barbara Stevenson, Unit National Security Chairman



Each year, by Presidential Proclamation, Americans assemble on the third Friday in September on National POW/MIA Recognition Day to honor those who served, recognize those who are missing and reaffirm our commitment to seek the fullest possible accounting of all POWs and MIAs. This year, the Post 364 family will be paying tribute to our POWs and MIAs on September 17th during an outdoor ceremony in the pavilion beginning at 6:30 PM. Our ceremony will include the reading of the names of all POWs and MIAs from Virginia who are missing and still unaccounted for followed by a symbolic balloon release. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this very special ceremony honoring our POWs and MIAs.

YOUR SERVICE – YOUR BENEFITS

Art Dupay, Assistant Service Officer

Today I attended the funeral of an old friend and burial services in Arlington National Cemetery. I was struck by the solemn nature and dignity of the event which led to some research on the history of military funerals described in this column. Prominent in a military funeral is the flag-draped casket. The blue field of the flag is placed at the head of the casket, over the left shoulder of the deceased. The custom began in the Napoleonic Wars of the late 18th and early 19th centuries, when a flag was used to cover the dead as they were taken from the battlefield on a caisson. One will notice, during a military funeral that the horses that pull the caisson which bears the body of the veteran are all saddled, but the horses on the left have riders, while the horses on the right do not. This custom evolved from the days when horse-drawn caissons were the primary means of moving artillery ammunition and cannon, and the rider-less horses carried provisions.

The single rider-less horse that follows the caisson with boots reversed in the stirrups is called the "caparisoned horse" in reference to its ornamental coverings, which have a detailed protocol all to themselves. By tradition in military funeral honors, a caparisoned horse follows the casket of an Army or Marine Corps of-

ficer who was a colonel or above, or the casket of a president, by virtue of having been the Nation's military commander in chief. The custom is believed to date back to the time of Genghis Khan, when a horse was sacrificed to serve the fallen warrior in the next world. The caparisoned horse later came to symbolize a warrior who would ride no more. Abraham Lincoln, who was killed in 1865, was the first U.S. president to be honored with a caparisoned horse at his funeral.

Graveside military honors include the firing of three volleys each by seven service members. This commonly is confused with an entirely separate honor, the 21-gun salute. But the number of individual gun firings in both honors evolved the same way. The three volleys came from an old battlefield custom. The two warring sides would cease hostilities to clear their dead from the battlefield, and the firing of three volleys meant that the dead had been properly cared for and the side was ready to resume the battle. The 21-gun salute traces its roots to the Anglo-Saxon empire, when seven guns constituted a recognized naval salute, as most naval vessels had seven guns. Because gunpowder in those days could be more easily stored on land than at sea, guns on land could fire three rounds for every one that could be fired by a ship at sea. Later, as gunpowder and storage methods improved, salutes at

sea also began using 21 guns. The United States at first used one round for each state, attaining the 21-gun salute by 1818. The Nation reduced its salute to 21 guns in 1841, and formally adopted the 21-gun salute at the suggestion of the British in 1875.

For information on VA Burial Benefits and Services see the Department of Veterans Affairs website <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/#BMB> or contact your Post 364 Service Officers, Irene Wheelwright or Art Dupay, at vapost364@yahoo.com for service benefit and entitlement related assistance.



AMERICAN LEGION 4TH OF JULY HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

Danny Bafford, Athletic Chairman

The weather was high 80s and sunny for the annual 4th of July Horseshoe Tournament. There were 26 participants on 13 teams. The tournament started off with Jay Beck and Denise C. defeating Sara Callahan and Kyle Burgess in a hard fought match.

As each game was thrown, you could see there were a lot of teams struggling with the heat. The team with the most experience throwing horseshoes, Post 364 Commander Dan Condon and Bob Renner, lost their first game to Doug and Keith Caskey.

Casey Bepko and Merle Bevenour ended up defeating Jay and Denise 21-12 to reach the finals of the

winners bracket. They faced Scott Burgess and Hook who defeated Brownie Conley and Dale Patterson in a hard fought match, 23-20. Burgess and Hook took care of Casey and Merle rather easily 23-15 to advance to the championship game.

Dan and Bob got on a roll after their opening game loss and won 4 in a row to set up a match with, Doug and Keith. They defeated the Caskeys, 21-16. That set up a match between the new commander and R with Casey and Merle. Dan and Bob defeated the Killer B's, Bepko and Bevenour, 21-12 in the loser's brackets final game to advance to the champion-

ship game.

At this point, Dan and Bob would have to beat Scott and Hook twice to win. In the first game, Condon and Renner threw ringer after ringer to defeat the previously undefeated duo, 21-5. The second game was a closely fought match. Hook was losing his balance in the pit and it was throwing him off. After the ground crew raked the pit, Hook threw a double ringer to win the championship. Dan and Bob almost did the impossible by winning seven games in a row before losing in the championship game.





Coming Soon to a Post Home Nearest You!



American Wartime Museum™

**American Wartime Museum
Chairman Allan Cors
and President Craig Stewart
invite you to attend
a unique outdoor event on August 21 and 22, 2010!**

The Museum's Open House will feature over 50 vintage military armored vehicles, including tanks! You are welcome to join us on Saturday, Sunday, or both days and to bring your family and friends.

**Several armored vehicle demonstrations
Living history displays and reenactments
Special performances
Activities for kids**

Day 1: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 21, 2010

Day 2: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, August 22, 2010

***Note:* Most of the performances occur from 11:30 to 2:30. Static displays will be available the entire time.**

Raffle winners will ride in and drive an armored vehicle from 3:30 to 4:00.

You must register to attend this event

RSVP: To register, go to www.nmaw.org and click EVENT at top of page

Location: Aden Field (aka the "Tank Farm") in Nokesville, VA (near Manassas). Address and driving directions will be provided to you in a confirmation email. This email will be sent to you once you fill out a registration form on our website.

This event is free. Parking is available onsite and is also free.

The event is outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Feel free to bring lawn chairs and picnic baskets. There is limited shade on the property, so hats and sun-screen are suggested.

All-American picnic food (hot dogs, hamburgers, beverages, etc.) will be sold onsite.

For more information about the American Wartime Museum, please visit our Website at www.nmaw.org.



Coming Soon to a Post Home Nearest You!



American Legion Post 364 Golf Tournament to benefit McGuire Veteran Hospital



Richmond, VA

Friday, September 3rd



This beautiful 18 hole championship course, designed by Algie M. Pully, is manicured and maintained to the highest standards and presents a challenge for players of all levels. Tree lined fairways, lakes, streams, bunkered fairways and greens demand a premium on accuracy. They have a driving range, a putting green and practice bunker.

Captain's Choice \$75 per person

PRICE INCLUDES:

18 holes of Golf and Cart
"Lots" of Great Door Prizes
Chicken Marsala or Parmigiana,
Baked Ziti, or Lasagna
provided by
Armatta's Italian Restaurant
at American Legion Post 364

Prizes for:
Tournament Champion &
Flight Winners
Closest to the Pin on 5 Par 3s
and Longest Drive

Registration: 7:00 to 7:30
Shotgun Start: 8:00 a.m.



16500 Edgewood Drive
Dumfries, VA 22025



To register or more information contact:

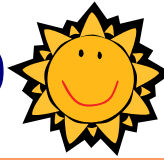
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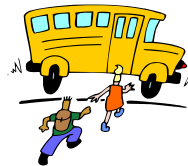
August 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bingo (Team 7) 2 PM – 5 PM	2 Bingo (Team 8) 7:15 PM -10 PM	3 SAL Executive Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	4 Boy Scouts 7 PM	5	6 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Leadership College Aug. 6-8 Holiday Inn Koger Center Richmond	7 Leadership College
8 Bingo (Team 1) 2 PM – 5 PM USMVMC Meeting 6 PM Leadership College	9 Bingo (Team 2) 7:15 PM -10 PM	10 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	11 Boy Scouts 7 PM	12	13 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	14 Hall Rental 6PM – 12PM Pavilion Rental
15 Bingo (Team 3) 2 PM – 5 PM State	16 Bingo (Team 4) 7:15 PM -10 PM	17 SAL Membership Meeting 6:00 PM Legion Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	18 Boy Scouts 7 PM	19	20 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Karaoke 8PM-12AM	21 School Supply Dist 9 AM – 12 PM Hall Rental 6-12PM
22 Bingo (Team 5) 2 PM – 5 PM USMVMC Meeting 6 PM	23 Bingo (Team 6) 7:15 PM -10 PM	24 Auxiliary Membership Meeting 7:30 PM	25 Boy Scouts 7 PM	26	27 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Nation Convention	28 Nation Convention
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September 2010



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			1 Boy Scouts 7 PM National Convention	2 National Convention	3 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM Golf Tournament Montclair CC	4
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12 Bingo (Team 3) 2 PM – 5 PM USMVMC Meeting 6 PM	13 Bingo (Team 4) 7:15 PM -10 PM	14 Auxiliary Executive Meeting 7:30 PM	15 Boy Scouts 7 PM	16 Junior Shooters 7 PM	17 Post Dinner 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM POW/MIA Recognition Ceremony 6:30 PM Karaoke 8PM-12AM	18  Air Force Birthday
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Warren DiPerna - Bingo Manager - 571-239-7556

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Teams 3, 4 Bingo Manager, Randy Bower 703-309-3800

Teams 5, 6 Bingo Manager, Doug Caskey 703-899-5332

Teams 7, 8 Bingo Manager, Scott Burgess 703-901-1321

Sunday Sales start 1:00p - Monday Sales start 6:15p

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540-379-4664

Chris McDonald (C)
256-408-1207

Patricia Barr
703-910-6241

William Dorsey
703-541-3122

Diane Clark
703-497-3254

Team 2 Mondays

Jim Hawkins (TC)
703-819-8465

Raye Ferrington (C)
703-924-1150

Brian Condon
317-696-3906

Chris Thomaidis
703-232-0956

Barbara Stevenson
703-670-8750

Team 3 Sundays

Robin Oden (TC)
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Chris McDonald (C)
703-595-9507

Merle Bevenour
843-540-0498

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Anne Bower
703-494-1910

Myrna Sanborn

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Mel McGee
703-472-9157

Gary Eads
703-216-2387

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Ted Zeunges
703-583-4966

Jo Peters
703-680-0473

Team 5 Sundays

Matt Peters (C)
703-680-0473

Thom Karlson
703-730-2172

Sy Horowitz
703-670-8325

Addie Horowitz
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Team 6 Mondays

Jack Rike (TC)
703-878-0331

Pete Turner (C)
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Mark Clark
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Barbara Barnes
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Team 7 Sundays

Cal Albers (TC)
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Scott Burgess (C)
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Chris Thomaidis
703-232-0956

Patty Groves
703-730-1471

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Mary DiPerna
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Team 8 Mondays

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Club Hours	
Post Lounge— 703-494-4304	
<i>Friendly Hours—Monday Thru Friday 3:pm - 7:00pm</i>	
Monday	3pm to 11pm
Tuesday thru Thursday	3pm to 10pm
Friday	3pm to 1am
Saturday	2pm to 1am
Sunday	12noon to 10pm

<u>Post 364 Dinner Menu</u>	
Home Cookin'	
Regular Menu consists of the following:	
Beer Battered Cod \$8.00 Butterfly shrimp 8.00 Scallops 8.00 Spaghetti 6.50 Steak 14.00	Hamburger w/FF 4.00 Cheeseburger w/FF 5.00 Choice of Baked Potato or French fries Choice of veggie Salad Bar
Child's menu:	Spaghetti \$3.00 Wing Dings w/FF \$ 3.50 Chicken Tenders w/FF \$ 3.50
<u>This month's Specials:</u>	
All specials are \$8.00, except for Steak - \$14.00	



Driving Directions to Post Home

Take I-95 to Exit 158, Prince William Parkway. Prince William Parkway toward Manassas. Past Commuter Lot, bear right onto Caton Hill Rd. Turn Right onto Caton Hill to Minnieville (2nd Stop light). Turn Right onto Minnieville to Fowke Lane (about 200 yards). Turn Left on Fowke (used car dealer on corner) to Jenny Lane (Stop sign). Turn Left on Jenny Lane to Friendly Post Lane (about 100yds, 1st street on right) Turn Right on Friendly Post Lane. *Welcome home.*

