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VFW Give Soldiers Tips on Resume Building

At some point in time we all need a resume to apply for a job. For many of us this was all new and unknown. Now it is standard for all applicants to have a resume which shows their experience for the position they are applying for.

On 9 Feb Jr. Vice Commander along with Comrade Marc McMullin went to C Co to give some tips to the soldiers during their drill time to go over the ins and outs of what a resume should have and how to go about starting one.

We all know how hard it is to translate our skills that we learned in the service into something that those in the civilian life can understand.

As the adopted unit of Post 1177 it was only natural that we would start there. Using our own experiences after separating from the service and what has been learned



since then is something that even the most seasoned could use.

Employers want to hire veterans whenever they can, but the problem that both veterans and civilians have is understanding the language that is spoken.

Helping bridge that chasm

was one thing that was set to be accomplished during this session. It was quite evident that everyone there was paying close attention and were highly interested in what was offered by the questions that were asked.

In addition to the classes, Chic Fil-A provided dinner for the soldiers afterwards.

There was plenty of food for everyone and they donated 15 gallons of iced tea for the men to have as well.

To see the full story that appeared in the Virginia National Guard online publication, visit <http://vaguard.dodlive.mil/2013/02/12/2924/>

Arlington National Cemetery has Open House to sway opinion of expansion

On 16 Mar, Arlington National Cemetery had an open house to go over their plans for expanding the grounds to provide resting places for our honored men and women.

By the year 2025, all of the existing plots and niches in Arlington National Cemetery will have been exhausted.

For some, this may not seem like a very big deal. But as a veteran, we understand that to be placed within these grounds is one of the highest honors that could ever be bestowed upon us in

the end. Not all veterans will be placed here, for whatever their own reasons may be, but for some being laid to rest among so many others who have gone before them is the greatest honor that they would ever know.

With the location of where ANC is placed it is already becoming difficult to expand much further. In time the only way that it will grow if they wish to continue would be up.

As can be imagined there are many groups that oppose the expansion and want another alternative or to

have ANC just realize that the end of burying veterans in Arlington has finally come to be. I ask this of those that want to stop it entirely.

In a day when we ask so much of those that sacrifice everything they have to give and continue to take away more and more as time goes on, how can we ever deny them a place where they can be shown the honor of a grateful nation. These are all men and women who gave their service to the nation when others saw not to. They are the same ones



who have died so no one would have to in their place.

For more on this please visit the ANC web site at;

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/News/>

Upcoming Events. Mark your Calendars NOW!

5 May—District Meeting

20 April—Riders Club will be participating in the Legion's Poker Run. Talk with Gene for more info.

3 April — Post Elections

27 May—Memorial Day. Keep tuned for activities and events all through Loudoun County.

13 April—Bingo at Martinsburg VA Center

6 April—Eagle Court of Honor

17 May—Boulder Crest fund raising.

7 Jun—VFW 3rd Annual Spring Ball

Parkview HS lacrosse. Come support the kids as they play. Remember that if you're 62 or older, you get in free. It's \$5 for the rest of us.

April 4 7:30 @ Park View

April 11 7:30 @ Tuscarora

April 15 7:30 @ Park View

April 17 6:00 @ Park View

April 18 7:30 @ Park View

April 22 7:30 @ Park View

April 24 7:30 @ Park View

April 29 7:30 @ Woodgrove

May 2 7:30 @ Park View



Nominations for Post Officers

It is that time again for all of us to elect our officers who represent all of us. Our Commander has nominated the following. Nominations remain open until the time of election. So come by our meeting and nominate who you would like to stand for you and cast your vote.

Ray Houck—Commander

Ray Delpesche—Sr Vice Commander

Dave Martin—Jr Vice Commander

John Ast—Quartermaster

Dennis Boykin—JAG

Bob Koberg—Chaplain

Dave Douglas—Surgeon

Max Gutierrez—Trustee 1

Stan Dixon—Trustee 2

Phil Rusciolelli—Trustee 3

Stan Dixon—Delegate to National Convention

Chris Gerow has agreed to continue as Service Officer and Doug Carver has also agreed to stay on as our Adjutant. Both have served us all well and it is greatly appreciated that they wish to continue on.

New Point of Contact at the DVS

The Point of contact for the Department of Veterans Services in Quantico has changed.

The new Point of contact is :

Helen Pickard

703-630-2811

Helen.pickard@dvs.virginia.gov

Be sure to note this down.

Honor Guard Receives OK to Render Full Military Honors Within Leesburg Town Limits.

Until recently it has been a violation of the Ordinance of the Town of Leesburg to provide full military honors for our men and women at their funerals. The restriction wasn't against the bugler which plays taps, but it was against the rifle squad.

For longer than most can remember there has been a long standing ban on rifle squads firing the three volleys within cemeteries that are within the Town of Leesburg.



Our Honor Guard Commander, wanted to change this. He went to the surrounding communities and spoke with the residents and asked them if they were aware of the ordinance and would they support a change in that.

He got the signatures needed and was also able to receive an exception from the Town of Leesburg allowing the Honor Guard to provide a rifle squad and provide all of the honors that are rendered at military services.

Bringing the Greatest Generation to the Capital

Every day we lose one of those that fought to save the very existence of what our nation was founded on. Our brothers and sisters who fought during World War II in Europe and the Pacific are leaving us at an alarming rate.

On 29 April 2004, the National World War II Memorial was opened to the public. World War II has been defined as the one single defining moment of the 20th century.

In an effort to make sure that all veterans of World War II have an opportunity to see this magnificent tribute to their sacrifice, many airlines and air charter services are making an attempt to insure that they have this opportunity.

Flights come in daily to all three of our

regional airports.

For more information on the Honor Flights visit this web site:

<http://honorflightdca.wordpress.com/>

If you would like to subscribe to the volunteer mailing list you can send an email to

HonorFlight_washingtondc_subscribe@yahoogroups.com

As the coordinator of the Honor Flights has stated before "They may not remember what you say and they may not remember what you do, but they WILL remember how you made them feel."



Commander's Corner

I can't tell you the number of times that people have given me a music CD that they say I may like since I'm a veteran. Though I have to admit some of those CDs are pretty nice and well put together, none has grabbed ahold of me as much as the one I most recently received.

It was a Christian CD and the songs that are within it were not what I was expecting entirely. She gave it to me and said it was something I could listen to on my way home. Since I've heard all of the songs on my iPhone a thousand times, I decided to pop it in. It only took the first couple of songs for me to realize that these are people who did a couple things with their music.

They were able to show how it was those that gave the ultimate sacrifice that gives us the freedoms that we all enjoy today. They also showed that there are those that genuinely appreciate the sacrifices of our men and women in uniform, in and out of battle. Here is one of them.

It's called, "It has always been the soldier."

"It's not NBC or CBS, ABC or CNN that's given us the freedom of the press.

Not Jerry Falwell, Larry Flint, Ted Kennedy or Jesse Jackson

Givin' us the freedom to verbally express.

Not the campus organizer, dormant demonstration

Givin' us the freedom, to march, freely march and disagree.

Oh can't you see....

It has always been the soldier who has made the sacrifice

Standing strong and proud in battle, willing to lay down his life

Somewhere there's a soldier and he's looking at a picture of his little girl

How he wishes he were home.

And somewhere there's a soldier and he's reading a love letter from his wife

And she is telling him, how all alone she feels.

And somewhere there's a mom and dad, who cry late in the night

For a son who won't be coming home, a son who gave his life

Freedom isn't free, Oh can't you see

It has always been the soldier, who has made the sacrifice

Standing strong and proud in battle, willing to lay down his life

To the angry man who shakes his fist, and burns the stars and stripes,

That same flag that drapes the coffins of those who gave their lives

There's no other place that you will go, or you have ever been

Where the blood of soldiers gives the right, to burn the flag again

It has always been the soldier, who has made the sacrifice

Standing strong and proud in battle, willing to lay down his life

It has always, it has always, It has always been the soldier

Renew your VFW Membership Today

Being a member of the VFW is one of the memberships that all members have earned. Every member has answered the call for their country in every part of the world.

Renewing your membership insures that you as a combat veteran have a voice in our Nation's capital as well as within our respective State capitals. The VFW brings to attention those things which we as veterans value most.

And while you're at it, sign up to be a life member. That way you never have to remember to renew your membership every year and you can still stay on top of what is going on with the VFW and veterans in general. When you look at

the cost of what you would be paying over the course of your lifetime, you could be saving hundreds in membership dues.

Also, there are a lot of veterans that are coming home from a variety of operations who are eligible for membership. Let them know about the VFW and what we do for everyone that has ever worn the uniform.

You've all earned it by the duty you served. Help us make sure that all veterans receive the benefits and entitlements that we all deserve.

**Loudoun County
Veterans-We're
waiting
for You!**



Join Your Comrades! www.vfw1177.org

Post Rental

Need to find a place where you can have your family reunion?

Want to have a meeting away from the office that won't break your expense budget?

How about that birthday party for that special person?

Visit our Web site to find out more about renting the post Hall for your event.

Have something to share?

Do you have a story that you would like to appear in our newsletter? Is there something special that you want to pass on about your time in service? Do you know of someone that shows pride in being an American and want to spread the word?

Let us know what it is. We are always looking for stories and news that's fit to print. All of us have a story of something that happened when we were in uniform and we see from time to time ordinary citizens who demonstrate a love for our great country in much of what they do.

If you have something that you would like everyone to know about, you can send an email to ray-mondhouck@comcast.net with your story.



Days to Display your flag

12 May—Mother's Day

15 May—Peace Officer's Memorial Day (Half staff)

18 May—Armed Forces Day

27 May—Memorial Day (Half Staff until noon)

14 Jun—Flag Day

16 Jun—Father's Day

Keep an eye out for all of the days where we proudly display our nation's flag, which continues to stand as a banner of hope and freedom throughout the world.



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