



Commander Ken James
USAF Colonel (Retired)

COMMANDER'S CORNER

We call ourselves a working post for a reason, and May echoed that thought! Two of our members took part in the Top of Virginia Honor Flight, and another member served as a guardian; the Post received a \$9,000 grant from 100WomenStrong; six boys and seven girls were selected for Boys and Girls State; held our semi-annual XCAL Firing Range event; conducted the Memorial Day Poppy Distribution, raising over \$6,500 for veterans in need; submitted an article for the Belmont Magazine to spread the word on what we're doing for local veterans; awarded a certificate of appreciation to Saint Paul VI Catholic High School Fife and Drum Corps for the outstanding support of the Post's America 250 Celebration; and, welcomed 1 new members bringing our total to 15 for the year. That is quite a month and a testament to our members. Thanks for all you do!!

VA NEWS & RESOURCES

VA initiative strengthens care coordination. The Veteran Interoperability Pledge (VIP) is a nationwide initiative that enables VA and participating community providers to securely exchange information to support the care of Veterans receiving treatment within and outside VA. Veterans receiving care outside of VHA's VIP are increasingly experiencing seamless, more coordinated health care thanks to a growing initiative that securely connects VA with community providers.

By improving information sharing between VA and other participating health systems, providers gain a more complete picture of a Veteran's health history, supporting safer, more informed clinical decisions.

For many Veterans, health care may occur across multiple systems. VIP helps bridge those systems by making it easier for providers to identify Veterans and coordinate care across organizations.

For more info:

<https://news.va.gov/146577/veteran-interoperability-pledge-connects-care/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

6/3 – Veterans Coffee Social (1st Wednesday of Every Month)

6/9 – VET TEC 2.0 - Virtual

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6/11 – Post Monthly Meeting (2nd Thursday of Every Month)

6/14 – Flag Day – SAR Flag Retirement Ceremony Great Falls Library

7/4 – 4th of July Independence Day Parade Leesburg

Event details can be found on our website, ashburnlegion.org

**To our men
and women in
uniform, past,
present, and
future, God
bless you and
thank you.**



POST 2001 HIGHLIGHTS

May was a busy month for Post 2001. Here are some of the highlights:

- Election of Post Officers for 2026-2027
- Memorial Day Weekend Poppy Distribution Events
- Post 2001 is sending 6 Boys and 7 Girls to Boys and Girls State
- Scouts had their Rank-up Ceremonies.
- Post 2001 has a much-needed new assistant for Veteran Services, Dean Edmundson
- Post 2001 awarded a \$9k grant from 100 Women Strong

Congratulations to our newly elected Post Officers.

- Commander – Ken James
- 1st Vice Commander – Eric Lohmann
- 2nd Vice Commander – Pam Keegan
- 3rd Vice Commander – Glen Krogh
- Adjutant – Brian Pancia
- Finance Officer – Dean Edmundson
- Chaplin – Ron White
- Sergeant-At-Arms – Bob Stine

Buddy Checks

We encourage members to reach out to veterans in our community. A simple phone call can make all the difference to a fellow veteran.

VETERANS SERVICES & SUPPORT

Post 2001's Veteran Services Officer helps Post members and Loudoun County veterans with no-cost assistance for VA disability benefits applications and guidance on other VA resources.

Last month, Post 2001 helped:

- 1 Veteran provided financial aid
- \$3,400 of financial aid provided to Veterans and their families in collaboration with other VSOs

For more information on Veterans Services, visit our website.

<https://ashburnlegion.org/veterans-services/>

Program Spotlight

The VA Caregiver Support Program offers clinical services to caregivers of eligible and covered Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system.



MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

Welcome our Newest Members:

Ted Adair | US Army Veteran

Birthdays:

Everett Griffiths, Nancy Bodyk, Tom Wetzal, Jeffry Sahffer, Bryan Wallgren, Gregory Sheremeta



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Post is looking for volunteers to help on several of the Post Committees and Programs, including:

- Social Media
- Youth Cadet Law Enforcement
- Adopt a Highway