

# VFW POST 3219 NEWSLETTER



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## **Post 3219 Officers**

**Commander - Tony Kromoff**  
**Sr. Vice Commander - Diane Mofield**  
**Jr. Vice Commander - John Milan**  
**Quartermaster - Joe Longstreet**  
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**3 Yr Trustee - William Shepherd**  
**2 Yr Trustee - Jim Rickard**  
**1 Yr Trustee - Jeff Labeau**

**VFW Post 3219 is also the Home Post of  
the 6<sup>th</sup> District, National Council Member  
Hal Roesch**

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**Post Telephone:** 757-723-2667      **Post Email:** [tanker8@cox.net](mailto:tanker8@cox.net)

### **Meeting Dates:**

Post: 1st Tues. of the Month @ 7PM  
Ladies' Aux: 3rd Wed. of the Month @ 6:30PM  
Men's Aux: 2nd Mon. of the Month @ 6:30PM  
Cooties: 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of the month @ 12:00pm

**Canteen Hours:** 11AM-9PM or later IF busy

**Kitchen Hours:** Sun., Tues., and Thur. 11AM-1PM (Sun-2:30); Breakfast 9AM - 11Am  
the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of the month; Dinner every Fri. at 6PM

**Other Information:** Bingo open to the public every Sun.(small group: 40-50--BIG fun)

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Below is the link for the Langley Air Show scheduled for 13 - 15 May 11. We have requested space for a District 1 VFW Display to hold Membership and Buddy Poppy Drives. The VFW POCs for this event will be:

Diane K. Mofield, Senior Vice Commander, VFW Post 3219, Phoebus, VA,  
[diane.mofield@langley.af.mil](mailto:diane.mofield@langley.af.mil), (757)764-2669 - work and (757)660-6107 - cell.

MSgt John M. Milan, Junior Vice Commander, VFW Post 3219, Phoebus, VA,  
[john.milan@langley.af.mil](mailto:john.milan@langley.af.mil), (757)225-7458 - work and (757) 344-5279 - cell.

This event will be hosted by VFW Post 3219, Phoebus, VA - and is open to all District 1 posts and auxiliaries. Please contact our POCs if you need additional information or want to be included in this event.

Air show is May 13-15 and the website is <http://www.langleyairshow.com/>

The air show concerts are on Friday night so we will ONLY set up the VFW tents on Sat, 16 May, and Sun, 17 May 11. Time/schedule will be e-mailed NLT 23 Apr 11. Post 3219 will provide water and tables for the volunteers. Each post, and auxiliary, is responsible to bring their volunteer's chairs, Buddy Poppies, and Membership forms.

We will also work with the Airshow personnel to provide rides to and from the parking areas for our handicap and older members who, want to participate but, may require some additional assistance.

Our plan is have the VFW State, District 1, and Post 3219 display tents set up along with Billy Fisher's race car, sponsored by Post 3219, and hopefully, the VFW sponsored Bass Boat.

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### FROM THE COMMANDER

Greetings Comrades and Auxiliaries of Post 3219, the Holidays of 2010 are behind us and I am looking forward to this New Year. The New Years Eve party was a great success and many volunteers put in a lot of time to make it happen. We have many events and activities planned for the coming months and as always need help to put it all together. Bingo on Sunday - the Post needs your help, Please come out and support one of our most important money makers. Friday night dinners are doing well. I would like some new menu ideas, also if you have a special dish that you would like to cook up give me a shout.

I am working on a Spruce up Day for this spring to take care of the little things that need doing around the Post. (trimming, cleaning, minor repairs, etc...) Some areas have been neglected for some time and could use a little spruce up. I will be looking for some home improvement talents.

On Saturday May 7th, 2010, Department of Virginia District One expects to hold its annual Convention for the 2010-11 season at Craigs-McCue All American VFW Post 3219. Election of Officers and discussions about the upcoming Department of Virginia State Convention are expected to occur.

I want to thank all who have volunteered their time. Good things happen when we work together.

Tony Kromoff, Commander

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## FROM THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

It's been a busy year so far and doesn't look like it will slow down any time soon. I want to thank the Post members, Ladies and Men's Aux members, and Cootie's who have been there to help each and every lunch, dinner, or Poppy Drive. You all know who you are and you all are the best! However, on that note I would like to remind all our members that we always need volunteers for Bingo, dinners, etc... please give a few hours of your time every once in awhile and let those who are always helping have a break!

I have obtained permission from the Post to set up a visitor's sign in table/stand. This guest book will NOT replace the non-post member guest book maintained by the canteen. This guest book will be for any other VFW Post or Auxiliary Member, from outside our Post, to provide their name and address so we can send them a note of thanks for visiting us. Once this is set up please encourage visiting VFW members to sign the book.

I am also looking into setting up a Volunteer of the Quarter award to encourage all of us to help out as much as possible. In order for this to work properly I will need whoever is running the event, or dinner, or breakfast, or Bingo to ensure your volunteers sign in. Each quarter we will tally up who volunteered the most, during that past 3 months, and recognize that individual for a job well done. The award will be a designated parking space in our parking lot for the "Volunteer of the Quarter" – which means ONLY that person can park in the space!

Our membership is over 82% right now so we need to make a big push to get all those annual dues in to Joe. Please if you have not paid your annual dues, contact Joe ASAP and thanks!!!

Diane Mofield, Senior Vice Commander

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## FROM THE JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

Did you know that there are over 6 ways to donate to our veteran's and to programs that support all those who have served this great nation! As Junior Vice it is my responsibility to ensure that Post 3219 makes every effort to hold Poppy Drives and this past year we handed out Poppies at Ft Monroe, 9-11 services, on Veteran's Day, and at the Hampton Boat Races. I want to take a moment to thank the Ladies Aux because, without them, we would have not had such successful Poppy Drives! There are more opportunities out there to get all of our members involved in donation drives. Please remember to visit the VFW Web Page and click on —Donations to see all the ways to help our veterans and their families. There's even a link on top of the page which says —Where Needed Most in which they will tell you where your donation is, of course, needed most!

But one reminder – we are not —selling the Poppies – we are giving them out so all citizens will remember our veterans! It's all about remembrance and the donation is just a great side benefit! So go forth and distribute those beautiful Poppies – see you all at the next Poppy Drive!!!

John Milan, Junior Vice Commander

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## FROM OUR WEBPAGE

I will be updating the website with more information as I receive it. I have a new design, I wanted to get started on, to revamp the site and upgrade its current information and look. I have thought that an introduction page to our Officers would be nice. To do that I need pictures, and a short bio, that they do not mind releasing to the general public.

New areas, rules, etc... will be added to the web site. We will post them in the canteen, on the Bulletin Board, and the web site then we will not hear "I did not know it was a rule". Everyone should be fully informed and all of us can be held accountable.

I will ONLY post items that are approved by those in charge, i.e., the Commander or his designated representative. I will try to post them as fast as possible but I will not post items not approved for release.

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If anyone has suggestions they can contact me directly, or email me at [vfw3219@cox.net](mailto:vfw3219@cox.net) and after I have reviewed then I will forward for approval. I welcome suggestions as they can be an asset to our cause and to our mission.

Dave Searce

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## FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY



To our ladies auxiliary sisters,

The Ladies Auxiliary to Craig's-McCue VFW Post 3219 needs your support. We need you to become more active in the auxiliary. Our auxiliary has been in existence since 1935. We have been a strong supporter of our veterans, their families and the community and are one of the few auxiliaries that offer cancer insurance.

As of now, the auxiliary has only a handful of members who are doing all of the work to keep the auxiliary functioning as a viable organization in the state. There needs to be more participation and greater support from our members. Several of the ladies hold more than one office or chairmanship and it is draining. Your help is needed to help with the various functions and activities that the Ladies Auxiliary conducts.

Please plan on attending our monthly meetings. They are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Post home. The meeting ritual is quite beautiful and shows respect to our veterans and our freedoms. We need your support and hope that you will consider becoming more active in this great organization. When you attend the meetings, you will learn of the activities that are planned. You will have the opportunity to contribute your ideas and talents to these functions. If you would like to be a chairman or an officer, there are several ladies who can help you with your position and guide you.

If this auxiliary were to fold, then veterans, their families and our community would suffer many losses. If you have questions, please feel free to contact myself or one of the officers listed below.

Sr. Vice President – Rhonda Burch, 727-0228

Jr. Vice President –

Chaplain – Kathy Kromoff, 850-0257

Secretary – Laine Beckwith, 719-4074

Yours in sisterhood

Keisha Lavendar

President, Ladies Auxiliary 3219

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## ADDITIONAL NEWS

Dear Patriots and Admirers of our World War Two Generation:

We have another opportunity to honor and show our appreciation for our WW2 Veterans on Saturday, April 30, 2011 for the fifth consecutive Honor Flight Historic Triangle Trip to Washington, DC for World War Two Veterans. As the Departure Ceremony Coordinator, District One Senior Vice Commander Thomas Randall asks for your unit's support for the Williamsburg departure location at 0530 hours. Be prepared to act as Road Guards, be ready to assist veterans and guests, and let's send the greatest generation off with a loud Hurrah!

Times may vary as we take a closer look at distances, travel times, and load times and as

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we get closer to April. That, for all you military veterans, is what we know as “remaining flexible”. We can and will make this trip happen. You, dear Volunteers, are a vital part of this event as YOU set the mood and the tone of the day.

If you represent a post, auxiliary or any other group interested in supporting this event, please RSVP and give Tom Randall an approximate number to expect from your unit/chapter/post, etc. If anyone has any questions or might be able to provide more assistance than I already know about, call or text him directly at 757-570-3181 or E-mail [tr1957nyc@gmail.com](mailto:tr1957nyc@gmail.com) .

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**VFW Post 3219 is proud to adopt the 710th Combat Operations Squadron and has agreed to become our official Adopted Unit Program.**

710th Combat Operations SQ Mission is to Maintain a worldwide readiness to deploy well-trained and certified Air and Space Operations Center (AOC) Warfighters. Conduct theater-level air operations in support of the Combined Forces Air Component Commander (CFACC) during exercises, contingencies and time of war. Provide subject matter expertise in developmental, operational and field testing of cutting-edge AOC weapon system applications. Be the lead AOC organization with highly trained personnel skilled in the art of planning and executing combat operations. Foster a working environment for professional growth and career progression. Carry out contingency and war time tasking in a state-of-the-art facility with real-time support provided to every theater of operation.

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DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
21-Feb	President's Day	30-Apr	Honor Flt for WWII - trip to DC/ Breakfast (Post), 9:00am/ Cootie Scratch, 12:00pm
24-Feb	VFW Riders Dinner DW's Mongolian BBQ	1-May	Bingo, 12:00pm
25-Feb	Dinner (Cooties) 6:00pm	3-May	Post Mtg, 7:00pm
26-Feb	Patriots Pen/VOD Presentations 1:00pm	5-May	VFW Riders Mtg @ 3160 , 7:30pm
27-Feb	Bingo, 12:00pm	6-May	Dinner (Men's Aux) 6:00pm
28-Feb	House Committee Mtg	8-May	Mother's Day/ Bingo, 12:00pm
1-Mar	Post Mtg 7:00pm (Post Officer Nominations)	11-May	VA County Fair @ the VA Hosp, Hampton
3-Mar	VFW Riders Mtg @ 4809, 7:30pm	13-May	Dinner (Cooties) 6:00pm
5-Mar	Breakfast (Post) 9:00am/ Cootie Scratch 12:00pm	14-May	Langley AFB Air Show Membership & Poppy Drive (9:00am - 6:00pm)
6-Mar	Bingo, 12:00pm	15-May	Langley AFB Air Show (9:00am - 6:00pm)/Bingo, 12:00pm
11-Mar	Dinner (Men's Aux) 6:00pm	18-May	Ladies Aux Mtg
12-Mar	St Paddy's Day Parade (Oceanview)	20-May	Dinner (Post) 6:00pm
13-Mar	Start Daylight Savings Time/ Bingo, 12:00pm	21-May	Breakfast (Men's Aux)/ Installation of Officers
14-Mar	Men's Aux Mtg	22-May	Bingo, 12:00pm
16-Mar	Ladies Aux Mtg	27-May	Dinner (Ladies Aux) 6:00pm
17-Mar	St Patrick's Day	29-May	Bingo, 12:00pm
18-Mar	Dinner (Cooties) 6:00pm	30-May	Memorial Day/Post BBQ
19-Mar	Breakfast (Men's Aux) 9:00am	2-Jun	VFW Riders Mtg @ 4809, 7:30pm
20-Mar	Bingo, 12:00pm	3-Jun	Dinner (Men's Aux) 6:00pm
25-Mar	Dinner (Post) 6:00pm	4-Jun	Breakfast (Post) 9:00am/Cootie Scratch, 12:00pm
27-Mar	Bingo, 12:00pm	5-Jun	Bingo, 12:00pm
28-Mar	House Committee Mtg	6-Jun	House Committee Mtg
15-Mar		7-Jun	Post Mtg, 7:00pm
1-Apr	April Fool's Day/ Dinner (Ladies Aux) 6:00pm	9-Jun	VFW State Convention, Richmond (Room Rates \$89 per night - must be made NLT 8 May 11)
2-Apr	Breakfast (Post) 9:00am/ Cootie Scratch 12:00pm	10-Jun	VFW State Convention
3-Apr	Bingo, 12:00pm	11-Jun	VFW State Convention
5-Apr	Post Mtg 7:00pm (Post Officer Elections)	12-Jun	VFW State Convention/Bingo, 12:00pm
7-Apr	VFW Riders Mtg @ 3219 , 7:30pm	14-Jun	Flag Day/VA Hosp Bingo
8-Apr	Dinner (Men's Aux) 6:00pm	17-Jun	Dinner (Post) 6:00pm
10-Apr	Bingo, 12:00pm	18-Jun	Breakfast (Men's Aux) 9:00am
11-Apr	Men's Aux Mtg	19-Jun	Father's Day/ Bingo, 12:00pm
17-Apr	Bingo, 12:00pm	24-Jun	Dinner (Ladies Aux) 6:00pm
19-Apr	VA Hosp Bingo	26-Jun	Bingo, 12:00pm
20-Apr	Ladies Aux Mtg	2-Jul	Breakfast (Post) 9:00am/Cootie Scratch, 12:00pm
22-Apr	Earth Day/ Dinner (Post) 6:00pm	3-Jul	Bingo, 12:00pm
24-Apr	Easter (No Bingo)	4-Jul	4th of July Cook out
25-Apr	House Committee Mtg	5-Jul	Post Mtg, 7:00pm
29-Apr	Ladies Aux Party		