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VFW Post 1503 Becomes Corporate Member of The American Wartime Museum

(February 3, 2011) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1503 in Dale City, Virginia, is the first veterans’ post to become a corporate member of the American Wartime Museum. Post Commander Sterling Moninghoff recently presented Museum President Craig Stewart with a check for \$1,000, making the General Lewis B. “Chesty” Puller VFW Post a Courage Level member of the Museum.

Post 1503, which was chartered in 1970, is the second largest VFW post in the world. The Post is very involved in community activities and in issues associated with America’s veterans.

“We are thrilled that VFW Post 1503 is the first veterans’ post to become a corporate member of the American Wartime Museum,” said Stewart. “Appropriately, Post 1503 is based in Dale City, which will also be home to our Museum. We hope for a long, vibrant partnership between our two organizations.”

The American Wartime Museum is currently raising \$50 million to construct its permanent facility at I-95 and Dale Boulevard, a 70-acre site that was donated by the Hylton Family of Prince William County. The Museum’s connection with veterans’ organizations is forged by its mission honor the millions of American men and women who have served our country in uniform since World War I. To date, four prominent veterans’ organizations have endorsed the Museum: The American Legion, AMVETS, the Disabled American Veterans and the Military Officers Association of America.

Individuals, businesses and organizations can become members of the Museum at various levels. To learn more, visit www.nmaw.org and click on “Become a Member.” The first 2014 members to join will become Charter Members and receive special recognition at the Museum when it opens on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2014.

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During a recent ceremony, VFW Post 1503 in Dale City became the first veterans' post to join the American Wartime Museum as a corporate member. Shown from left to right are: Jim Martin, Judge Advocate and Commander, VFW Department of Virginia; Betty Gimble, President, Ladies Auxiliary Department of Virginia; Craig Stewart, President & CEO, American Wartime Museum; and Sterling Moninghoff, VFW Post 1503 Commander.