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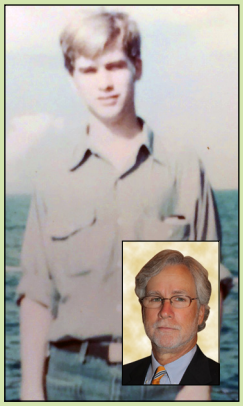
VETERANS APPRECIATION ISSUE

During Veterans Day week Nov. 11-17, DJJ offices throughout the Commonwealth honored their veterans and families in a variety of ways, ranging from special luncheons, presentations and newsletters. This dedicatory issue of the *DJJ Forum* is another way we can say "thank you" to our servicemen and women and their families for the sacrifices they have made to protect our freedoms.

CSU 4–Norfolk

CSU 4–Norfolk veterans were honored with a pizza luncheon. From left: Jeffrey Kess, Diagnostic Probation Officer (Navy), Jerry Smith, Field Probation Officer (Navy), Stephanie Robinson, Intake Probation Officer (Army), Jacqueline Allen, Senior Intake Probation Officer (Air Force), Alejandro Torres, Intake Supervisor (Army) and Jesus "Chris" Frausto, Intake Probation Officer (Marines).

A Family Tradition of Service



Jim Nankervis, age 19, aboard the USS Forrest Sherman in the Atlantic Ocean.

The families of many DJJ employees have a rich tradition of military service extending back many years. At least three generations of CSU 12–Chesterfield Director **Jim Nankervis'** family have served: Jim served for eight years in the U.S. Navy, earning the rank of Journalist Petty Officer First Class (E-6). He also served three years aboard the USS Forrest Sherman.

Jim's son is **James J. Nankervis,** who served in the U.S. Marines for four years, earning the rank of Corporal (E-4). His father, **James W. Nankervis,** was a veteran of the U.S. Navy who served in World War II.

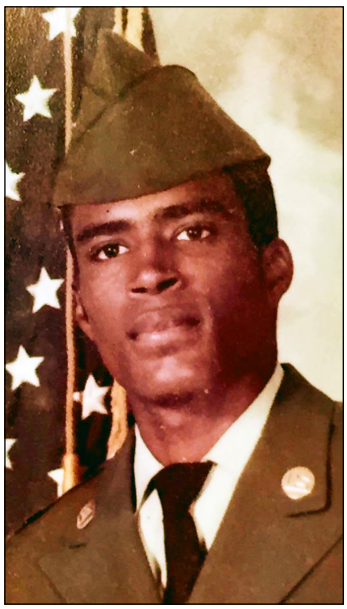
Thank you to all DJJ employees and their families who have served our country since its founding.

James J. Nankervis, Jim's son, guards an Iraqi voting place in 2005.

CSU 9–Williamsburg

CSU 9–Williamsburg honored its veterans and spouses of veterans with a unit luncheon. From left: CSU 9 Director Joe Jackson, Dollie Lewis, Aaron Vincion, Tyrone Jackson, Caroline Fennell and Joseph Wright. Dollie Lewis and Caroline Fennell are spouses of veterans.

Stewart



Sutton

CSU 12–Chesterfield

CSU 12–Chesterfield Parole Officer **James A. Stewart** spent 26 years in the U.S. Navy as a dental tech and retired at the rank of Senior Chief.

Probation Supervisor **Kevin Sutton** served in the U.S. Army for a total of eight years as an infantryman, and at times a logistics personnel.

During his service, his travels included Germany, Korea, Washington state, Kentucky, and Colorado. The majority of his military training consisted of combat readiness with the opportunity to attend leadership schools to earn several distinguished awards.

From left: Tammy Blackwell-Lee, background investigator; Jeff Harner, fiscal technician senior; Sheanita Carter, Virginia Values Veterans agency coordinator; Frances Walton-Smith, senior admin assistant; Donnie Smith, background investigator, and Ayana Obika-Clayborne, admin assistant. Below: Mike Barnes, capital construction project manager.

Central Office

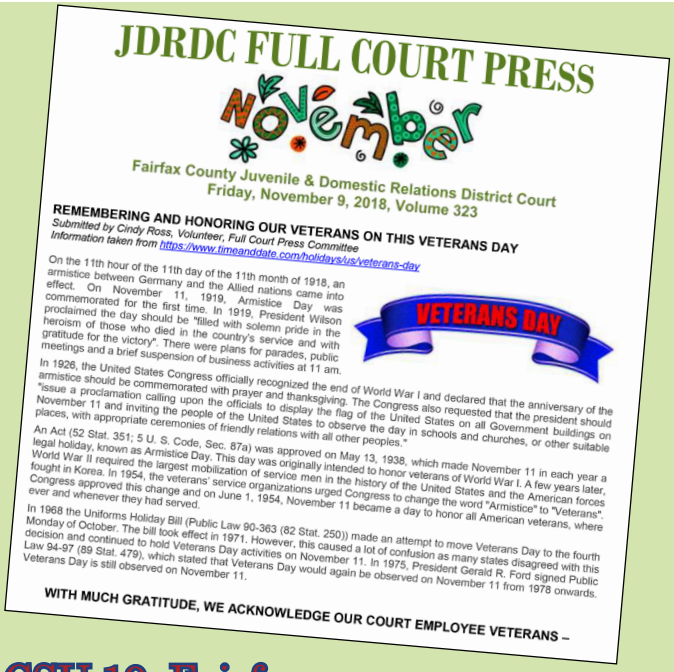
Veterans and spouses received pins and a luncheon as a token of appreciation. Veterans introduced themselves, discussed their branch of service and exchanged military stories. A resource table for veterans was set up and Director Block gave a short thank you speech.

CSU 13–Richmond

CSU 13–Richmond honored the following veterans on Veteran's Day, from left: Office Services Specialist Penny Beuler, Senior Probation Officer Heather Moreno, P.O. Corey Mincey, Diagnostic Supervisor and MDT Coordinator Vanessa Grooms, Intake Supervisor Tiawana Matthews.

CSU 18–Alexandria

CSU 18–Alexandria recognized its two veterans – U.S. Navy vet Vyvyonne Dilbert, Office Services Supervisor, and U.S. Air Force vet James Lightfoot, DJJ volunteer – during its morning "stand-up." The 18th had coffee and treats to celebrate, which followed a citywide Veterans Day celebration at City Hall with the mayor, city manager and special guest, retired Navy Vice Admiral and current president/CEO of Navy Federal Credit Union, Cutler Dawson.



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REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS ON THIS VETERANS DAY

Submitted by Cindy Ross, Volunteer, Full Court Press Committee
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On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice between Germany and the Allied nations came into effect. On November 11, 1919, Armistice Day was commemorated for the first time. In 1919, President Wilson proclaimed the day should be "filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory". There were plans for parades, public meetings and a brief suspension of business activities at 11 am.

VETERANS DAY

In 1926, the United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I and declared that the anniversary of the armistice should be commemorated with prayer and thanksgiving. The Congress also requested that the president should "issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples."

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) was approved on May 13, 1938, which made November 11 in each year a legal holiday, known as Armistice Day. This day was originally intended to honor veterans of World War I. A few years later, World War II required the largest mobilization of service men in the history of the United States and the American forces fought in Korea. In 1954, the veterans' service organizations urged Congress to change the word "Armistice" to "Veterans". Congress approved this change and on June 1, 1954, November 11 became a day to honor all American veterans, where ever and whenever they had served.

In 1968 the Uniforms Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) made an attempt to move Veterans Day to the fourth Monday of October. The bill took effect in 1971. However, this caused a lot of confusion as many states disagreed with this decision and continued to hold Veterans Day activities on November 11. In 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which stated that Veterans Day would again be observed on November 11 from 1978 onwards. Veterans Day is still observed on November 11.

WITH MUCH GRATITUDE, WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR COURT EMPLOYEE VETERANS –

CSU 19–Fairfax

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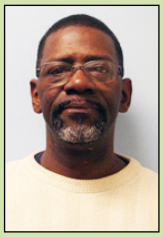

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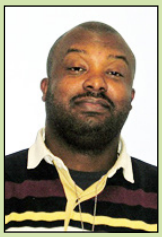

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Probation Officer I

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Boys Probation Hse. Dir.

From left: John Thompson, Probation Officer II; Ignacio Villas, Probation Officer III; Jeff Begley, Probation Officer II.

CSU 25—Staunton

Waynesboro Intake Officer **Ronald Lassiter** served in the U.S. Army and attained the rank of Specialist E-5. His oldest daughter is currently a Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy and his youngest daughter recently completed a tour of duty with the U.S. Navy.

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Staunton Intake Officer **Megan Corbin** is the military spouse of Wayne Corbin, who was a Staff Sergeant in the Army National Guard and retired with 25 years service.

THANK YOU, DJJ VETERANS

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