

Veterans of Foreign Wars SSG Jonathan Kilian Dozier Memorial Post 2894 Chesapeake Virginia

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, SSG Jonathan Kilian Dozier Memorial Post 2894, are sponsoring their 12th Annual Chesapeake Bataan Death March Memorial Walk on Saturday, April 8th, 2023. The walk takes place at the Dismal Swamp Canal Trail in Chesapeake, Virginia and consists of three different distances, 16.6 miles, 5 miles, and 1 mile.

This year, the Keynote Speaker at the closing ceremony, 1200, 8 April, will be the Commanding Officer of the USS Bataan (LHD5), Captain Paul Burkhart.

The purpose of this annual walk is to honor and remember those who endured one of the most harrowing events in US and Filipino history. The goal is to ensure that the sacrifices of the greatest generation are not forgotten. The event will close with a memorial ceremony dedicated to the survivors and families of Bataan/Corregidor as well as all the veterans of World War II and the Korean War. The 2018 walk was recognized as a National Service Project Award by the National VFW – one of only three worldwide.

The proceeds from the Chesapeake Bataan Death March Memorial Walk are used to support VFW Post 2894's ongoing mission to "Honor the Fallen by Serving the Living". The Post has provided assistance to numerous veterans, widows, and their children in the Chesapeake and Hampton Roads area to include wheel chair ramps, homes handicap access, sourcing home repairs and assistance in accessing medical needs.

Registrations for the Bataan Memorial Walk can be made at www.VFW2894.org. The event is free and open to all.

