



## West Virginia's Chapter of the 501st Legion

### Fact Sheet

**Founded:** November 2015

**Background:**

Garrison Corellia is the West Virginia chapter of the international Star Wars costuming organization, the 501st Legion. The garrison was established after growing out of Garrison Carida, which originally included members from Pennsylvania, Delaware, and West Virginia.

In December 2012, West Virginia members of Garrison Carida formed a smaller unit called Squad Corellia. Ten founding members met to discuss creating the squad, agreeing that the state had enough interest and participation to eventually form its own garrison. By November 2015, membership had grown sufficiently for Squad Corellia to officially become Garrison Corellia.

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**Mission:**

The 501st Legion is an all-volunteer organization formed to unite costume enthusiasts under a collective identity. The Legion promotes interest in *Star Wars* through the creation and wearing of high-quality costumes and supports community engagement by participating in *Star Wars*-related events, charity appearances, and volunteer activities.

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**Service Area:** All of West Virginia

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**Membership:**

As of 2018, Garrison Corellia includes more than 50 members across the state, from the Eastern Panhandle to the southern coalfields.

Internationally, the 501st Legion operates on six continents, in more than 60 countries, with over 13,000 members worldwide.

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**Staff:**

- Amy Higgs – Commanding Officer
- J.R. Petsko – Executive Officer
- Chris Harless – Garrison Guard
- Jay Parsons– Garrison Membership Liaisons
- Tyler Bell & David Voron – Garrison Event Coordinators
- Timothy Jones – Garrison Webmaster
- Timothy Jones – Garrison Web Liaison
- Jenny Dixon-Jacobs/Bree Hartzell – Garrison Public Relations Officer
- Bree Hartzell / Jenny Dixon-Jacobs – Garrison Charity Representative
- Ron Davis – Garrison Merchandising & Branding Office

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**Members:**

58

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**Major Charities Supported:**

Make-A-Wish Foundation

Special Olympics

Toys for Tots

America Cancer Society

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