

# CANNON NEWS

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## Commander's Message

Pete MacLeod

VFW Post 7589 proudly enters its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary year with a determination to serve fellow veterans and the community that is stronger than ever!



On June 20, 1944, on the Pacific island of Saipan, a Japanese sniper's bullet took the life of Francis Cannon of Manassas. On June 6, 1946, 74 young men, who had fought in World War Two as Francis Cannon had, came together and formed VFW Post 7589 and honored Francis Cannon by naming the Manassas, Va. VFW Post after him. The photo of an almost unbelievably young Francis Cannon is still displayed prominently inside the VFW Hall. Take a good look at that photo next time you're there and you will see the optimism and determination of the "greatest generation" on display.

In the early days of the Post, comrades placed American Flags throughout the community on holidays, held dances at the Post

Home and sponsored carnivals for the local community. A lot of that focus has changed over the years but here is a quick glance at some of the activities of Post 7589 over the past year: Homecoming for Vietnam Veterans on June 6 at which 150 people were served a meal of hot dogs, hamburgers and potato salad, 125 hours of service to fellow veterans in the month of August alone by the Post 7589 service officers, hours of visits to nursing homes and assisted living centers by comrades of Post 7589 and more than 100 hours devoted to the area's youth in essay contests, flag education and telling of a lifetime of military experiences. I am sure each of the generations of veterans at Post 7589 could relate to any of those activities.

As the VFW saying goes, we continue to serve. Hopefully 2016 will be our greatest year of service as we look back on 70 years of service from the members and Auxiliary of VFW Post 7589.

Please make sure you take part in our activities this year and volunteer to serve on some of the committees that will make it happen!

## Auxiliary President

Mary Corkhill



I'm so sorry to start off my article with some unfortunate news but I'm saddened to report the passing of Ms. Nancy Dazzo who was one of our Charter members, Past Auxiliary President for 9 years and was currently the 8<sup>th</sup> District Trustee #3. After a short battle with cancer, she went to her heavenly home on December 21, 2015. A memorial service will be held at American Legion Post 10 on January 30 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. Ms. Nancy was very

active in all her organizations along with being a mother, grandmother, friend, mentor and a very good BINGO player. She will be greatly missed. Please keep Ms. Nancy's family in your prayers.

I want to thank everyone who made this holiday season the best ever. It is amazing to me how much the extra hands from the members helps this Auxiliary achieve special goals each year.

We started the holiday season off on December 6, 2015 with the Patriots Pen & Voice of Democracy awards ceremony. It was a great success because all the recipients were in attendance. The Auxiliary members assisted the Comrades with setting up the room and providing refreshments for the ceremony. The Auxiliary members would like to congratulate all the recipients for their job well done. We want to thank our Guest Speaker LTG Robert Yerks for his inspiring words. His experiences were very educational to all who attended. We also would like to thank the NJROCT from Osbourn Park High School for posting the colors.

Since the awards ceremony, we received word from VFW Department Scholarship Chairman Joe Martin that Sebastien Cotto placed third in the Department. We are honored to have a representative from our Post placed in the Department. Congratulations Sebastien for a job well done.

I attended the Snowball Express at Reagan National Airport on December 12, 2015. This organization brings together children of our fallen military heroes from all over the world for 5 days of making new memories and honoring their parent's sacrifice. Then I attended Wreaths Across America at Quantico National Cemetery with John & Yvonne Sullivan. You wouldn't believe the number of people in attendance. I swear it gets larger every year.

A special thanks to Yvonne Sullivan, the Chairman, for setting up the appointments at Birmingham Green where we, along with Patsy Gough, Dana Zank and Paul & Pat Sutton were able to distribute 17 gifts to the Veterans at Willow Oaks and the District Home. After that location, we traveled to Arbor Terrace Sudley Manor and gave gifts to 19 Veterans. Thank you ladies, without you, we wouldn't have completed our projects. You are the best.

The next event will be the Winter Conference at Fort Magruder Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, VA from January 14-17, 2016. If you plan to attend, please stop by the different tables that will be set up for fundraisers. There will be Ways & Means, President's Special Project and National President's (Dee's) "Celebration America's Freedom Event" for 2017. The weekend starts off Friday night with the Council of Administration. Saturday is the Auxiliary meeting and Saturday night will

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be the banquet where they will honor the first place winners of the Patriots Pen & Voice of Democracy for the Department.

There are some deadline dates I would like for you to be aware of. The Teacher of The Year and The Continuing Education Scholarship are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art Award Contest is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please ask any Auxiliary member about these contests and we will provide you more information. I would also like to remind you of the 8<sup>th</sup> District meeting on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Post 7728. Lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will start at 1:00. If you need a ride, **please** let me know at 703/361-8950.

**Please** mark your calendar for Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30pm. We will be hosting a dinner for the National President Francisca Guilford. Please come and join us for this event. We are requesting **RSVP by February 6, 2016.**

I would like to thank the annual members who have paid their dues before December 31, 2015. As you know, if your 2015 dues are not paid by that date, you are not an Auxiliary member in good standing. For those individuals who have not paid, please forward your payment of \$20.00 to the Auxiliary Treasurer, Ms.

Elanor Doczi, 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. We are very proud you have chosen VFW Auxiliary 7589 as your home. The National Auxiliary has provided benefits for all of us. Please check the National Auxiliary website under benefits for more information. <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org/>

Our project of collecting Campbell soup labels for the National Home for Children is ongoing. The soup labels will be used for purchasing a new van. Please assist us with this project and bring your labels to the Post. Thank you in advance.

Our Chaplain, Cookie Cullen's husband is battling Cancer so please keep the family in your prayers. For individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, please let us know. And as always, you are in our prayers.

Have a very safe and enjoyable New Year!!!!!!!!!!!!

Respectfully,  
*Mary Corkhill*  
Auxiliary President



### Service Officer's Report

Our Service Officer program also exists to help and serve all veterans here in the Manassas/ Prince William area. If you know of a veteran in need please contact us and let us know.

Our number one goal is providing the best service to our veterans and their families.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of our Veteran Service Officers and find out just what they can do for you! They are myself and :

Stephen Meade 1-703-408-0875  
Email: [so2@vfw7589.org](mailto:so2@vfw7589.org)

Our goal is simple here. We want to take care of all our veterans with the greatest level of service that our resources will allow. Thank you for your service!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach us at our VSO phone line of: 1-703-659-0849 or Email: [so@vfw7589.org](mailto:so@vfw7589.org) Thank you.

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## From The Trenches

By Paul Chase



Just yesterday [December 12] I participated in the Wreaths Across America celebration at the Culpeper National Cemetery. As many of you have noticed I wear my Sons of the American Revolution Continental Uniform to as many veteran events as possible. Our patriot ancestors are our nation's first veterans and should be remembered just as current veterans are.

Joel and I participated in uniform at the Quantico National Cemetery Wreaths Across America the year before and the parking situation was so severe and the walk to the pavilion was so long I decided to go to the beautiful Culpeper ceremony this year. To her great credit Mary Corkhill our Auxiliary President is our Post manager for this event. Those who say America is "Over the Hill" need to go to one of these events.

Two years ago the Culpeper National Cemetery laid less than 200 wreaths. This year it was more than 1,700. The beautiful weather helped but the cemetery was flooded with kids in church and school uniforms, JROTC, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution, Rolling Thunder and more patriotic groups than I can remember. There were gun salutes, Color Guards, speeches, prayers and the singing of the American Anthem. It was a genuine pleasure to attend and be part of such a great event. I strongly recommend everyone to attend these events. They are very inspiring.

## Aluminum Tab Collection Update

We started collecting aluminum can tabs in April 2014 and had a goal of collecting 100,000 by the end of that year. We ended up collecting 125,000. Our goal for 2015 was 200,000 and we just finished with 300,700.

With Joel's help we distributed over 56 collection jugs throughout the community. We sent out special letters of appreciation to the following which made exceptional donations: Giant Food Haymarket, Sister Norman's Convent, Chicago Fire Department, Rankin's Hardware Warrenton, Manassas Lion's Club, Hampton Inn Manassas, Home Depot Warrenton, Inter-Service Club Council Manassas and PWC Hospital Nurses.

All the tabs go to the Shriners which has a recycling contract the proceeds of which go to the Boston Burn Center which provides

cost free medical services to those who cannot afford their medical care.

There are other tab collection efforts on-going to raise funds for school computers and dialysis machines, etc. We've institutionalized our process so for succeeding years will not have individual yearly goals. We will continue to put our best efforts into this worthy program which allows the community to contribute without digging into their pockets for their hard earned cash while at the same time gives the VFW publicity for our services to those in need.

## Spotlight on Steve Meade



Steve is the kind of guy every unit needs and admires: smart, dedicated, dependable, versatile and steady. He completed advanced accelerated high school classes in California and ultimately graduated from Fairfax High School in 1968.

Steve got scooped up in the draft and went to Ft. Belvoir where he was an honor graduate from the Army Engineer School. He was promptly sent to Vietnam with the 69th Engineer Battalion at Can Tho Army Air Field in the Mekong Delta.

Because of his versatility he served in multiple capacities: gunner, truck driver, clerk and intel processor. He returned from Vietnam, served as a Drill Instructor and participated in the Veterans Affairs Readjustment Program where he learned computers and programming. Steve worked for the Federal Government and retired as a GS-12.

Steve joined Post 7589 in 2003 and became a Life Member in 2004. He served as Post Commander from 2007 to 2010 and has been a significant contributor ever since. You can always count on him being at monthly meetings and weekly Bingo where he runs the register, calls numbers and sells pull tabs. He also does weekly Bingo with American Legion Post 10. Now that's dedication!

He is an assistant Service Officer and the Post's Judge Advocate. Additionally he has been 8th District Quartermaster for a number of years.

Steve, your contributions to our Post are highly appreciated and make you a stand out comrade.

## Youth News and Notes for January, 2016

Manassas Christian School 8<sup>th</sup> grader Sebastien Cotto just keeps coming up with wins and surprises. First of all he finishes First in the District 8 "Patriot's Pen" essay competition and then he finishes in Third Place in the state competition which is as high as a Patriot's Pen entry from Manassas has finished in at least the last 10 years. Below is Sebastien's essay which he read at the Post 7589/Auxiliary Awards Assembly on December 6. He was writing on the topic, "What Freedom Means to Me."

A big thank you to all who made the Dec. 6 Awards Ceremony such a great success. First of all thank you to Lt. Gen. (ret.) Robert G. Yerks of Haymarket who mesmerized the room with his talk and then posed for photos with award recipients later. Trustee Lou Filippone arranged for the General to speak. The Auxiliary again came through big time with food, drink and decorations making Post 7589 a festive location on Dec. 6. Then there are the guys who do the heavy lifting, getting chairs and tables in the correct locations, directing traffic in the parking lot and cleaning up. I am thinking of Lou Filippone, Robert Punihaole, Warren Ewell and Rod Gillette. SVC Ron Link did great work as host, and as the man who put together the programs and awards

certificates. There were many others who pitched in to help: Janet Raskin, Yvonne Sullivan, Ann Mitchell, Eleanor Doczi and Mary Corkhill, who seemed to be everywhere, and my wife Jean who was there for the photos. It takes a team effort to make things work and the Youth Committee had great participation on Dec. 6.

Unlike other years, we are not yet done with the VFW educational awards! The deadline for Teacher of the Year submissions is Feb. 15. There are 3 categories: K-5, 6-8, 9-12. We could use nominations in the K-5 grade category and in Grades 9-12. Call me at 703 220-4545 or visit the national website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) for details.

Ahead we have the Scout of the Year competition and the Junior ROTC Award as well as, the Auxiliary's Patriotic Art contest whose deadline is March 31.

And don't forget the first Post 7589/Auxiliary Youth Committee meeting of the year on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Post.

Happy New Year, Pete MacLeod.

## What Freedom Means to Me

By Sebastien Cotto

*"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty, to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."*

*(The Constitution of the United States - Preamble)*

Freedom is the cornerstone of the founding of our nation. That is because liberty is not just merely a matter of tolerance is an "inherent natural right." It is a great blessing and for this reason I can only write about it from a place of gratitude.

I am grateful that I was born in a special place where liberty defines our American culture, political system and economy. It is under the blanket of our nation's liberty that I can wake-up every morning full of hope and without fear.

Our liberty comes first from God and it belongs to every human being. Without it our desire to live and prosper disappears. The Founding Fathers of our nation knew this and wanted to preserve it so they created a remarkable document proudly known as the

Constitution of the United States. Our Constitution is a unique gift that has successfully protected the liberty that we enjoy.

Freedom means I can love God and show it. It also means I can look for happiness in any way I choose as long as I do not hurt others. It is freedom that allows my parents to enjoy what comes from their work; like our home. Best of all, as a free citizen, I can raise my voice and question a government that works for me. I can demand freedom from corruption and freedom to build a good life based on the Christian values that my parents are teaching me.

Liberty is a great thing, perhaps the best of things. For this reason, it is always threatened and we must keep fighting for it. My grandfather is an army veteran, who fought to preserve the liberty of our country. He taught my father the importance of living and protecting our liberty. Now my father is teaching me the meaning of freedom.

There are too few governments around the world that recognize that liberty is a fundamental right and too many people have never enjoyed it. I am grateful to God, my parents, grandparents and all the good men and women that sacrificed their lives so I can enjoy it. I promise to never take it for granted and always protect it.

## On Bowe Bergdahl

By Joel Chase



Bowe Bergdahl walked off his post in Afghanistan without permission and went missing. The Army launched search teams in an attempt to locate him without success, and it was later learned that he was captured by the Taliban and held prisoner for five years. Earlier this year President Obama negotiated Bergdahl's release in exchange for five suspected Taliban prisoners held at Guantanamo.

When Bergdahl's release was initially announced, he was viewed by some as a hero, and his home town organized a welcome home reception for him. However, the Army determined that Bergdahl had committed at least two crimes - one of which could be punishable by a life sentence in prison. The welcome home party was canceled. The Army's investigation as to whether Bergdahl's actions constitute treason or desertion is ongoing.

Bowe Bergdahl volunteered to join the Army and was accepted after he had been released from the Coast Guard as "unfit". A waiver was granted enabling Bergdahl to join the Army; why? The man clearly had some problems, and someone should have notified their chain of command of Bergdahl's difficulties such as lack of basic communication skills and clarity of thought. He

speaks in chopped up sentences and then repeats himself without actually making a point but has not spoken to the media or otherwise been interviewed except by the Army - and a potential movie producer.

The prisoner swap for Bergdahl was a blunder in that three terrorists were traded for a loser who was almost immediately arrested following his release by the Taliban and is currently being held captive by our own military. If the U.S. had not made the prisoner swap, Bergdahl might have been killed by his captives - or maybe not. That begs the question as to whether the prisoner exchange was thoroughly thought out without consideration of the consequences?

Bowe Bergdahl's conduct was absolutely wrong and endangered the lives of other military personnel who searched for him and those who participated in the prisoner swap. Did he consort with the enemy or provide them with information detrimental to the United States? We may never know the answer to that for sure. Will his punishment exceed his actual crimes while wasting taxpayer money? Certainly. My suggestion to the Army is to try him and if he is found guilty, ban him for life from profiting either from written account (books) or screen (films) regarding his military experience and issue him a dishonorable discharge. Bergdahl's life is nearly ruined as a result of his own wrong-doing, but incarcerating him for life serves little purpose at this point.

*The opinions expressed above are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent those of Post 7589 or the Veterans of Foreign Wars. — Ed.*



Happenings:



Patriot's Pen winners at our December 6 awards ceremony.



Voice of Democracy winners at our December 6 awards ceremony.



Present at the send-off of this year's Snowball Express were Past Department Commander Chris Birch, Past Department Presidents Kathy Birch and Cathy Graham and Auxiliary 7589 President Mary Corkhill.

Photo: Doc Crouch



Mary Corkhill & Yvonne Sullivan — Wreaths Across America, Quantico



December 19: Post and Auxiliary members and guests enjoyed socializing and dinner at Golden Corral.

## VFW Survey of Women Veterans

### Background:

The VFW is committed to ensuring veterans' health care and benefits are equitable among the brave men and women who have worn our nation's uniform. In an effort to identify barriers women veterans face when accessing their earned veterans' benefits and services, the VFW has commissioned a survey of women veterans that will guide the VFW's policy priority goals for them. The VFW will analyze survey results and direct feedback from women veterans to make recommendations to VA and Congress on how to meet their needs.

### Action Needed:

Take the VFW's Survey of Women Veterans to help the VFW hold VA accountable for delivering the high quality benefits and services women veterans have earned and deserve. To take the survey, click here: <https://www.research.net/r/VFWSurveyofWomenVeterans>.

## New carjacking scheme

### Beware of paper stuck on the back window of your car.

You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside.

You start the engine and shift into reverse.

When you look into the rear view mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into Park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view.

When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjacker appears out of nowhere, jumps into your car and takes off. He practically mows you down as he speeds off.

And guess what, ladies? Your purse is probably still in the car.

So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

### Beware of this new scheme!

If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away and remove it later.

## More Happenings:



Osborn Park HS Junior Navy ROTC Color Guard at the awards ceremony on December 6.



Sebastien Cotto reads his award winning Patriot's Pen essay.

Photos by Pete MacLeod

# From the



## Women Veterans:

This week {Dec. 7-11}, four state commanders who are women veterans – one from each of the VFW's four conferences – traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with VA and Department of Labor leadership and congressional staff to discuss ways the federal government is addressing the needs of women veterans. The group is tasked by Commander-in-Chief John Biedrzycki to identify barriers that are unique to women veterans when they access their earned health care and benefits. Based on these meetings, and the group's input, National Legislative Service will launch a survey in the coming weeks to gather direct feedback from women veterans, which will assist in developing the VFW priority goals necessary to eliminate any existing barriers.

## COLA Relief Bills Introduced:

As a result of a negative change to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), VA and Social Security benefits are scheduled for no annual increase for 2016. The CPI fell slightly this year due to a significant decrease in gasoline prices. Health care, housing, and food prices all rose this year, however, creating a significant hardship for many disabled veterans and seniors. To solve this problem, Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) and Representative Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.) have introduced S. 2251 and H.R. 4144, the *Seniors and Veterans Emergency (SAVE) Benefits Act*, which would provide a one-time payment of \$581 to VA and Social Security beneficiaries. The VFW thinks this legislation is critical to ensuring that the benefits many veterans rely on keep up with the cost increases they have been experiencing. This week, the VFW sent letters to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the Senate Finance and House Ways and Means Committees, urging swift passage of the *SAVE Benefits Act*. We encourage all VFW members to contact their Senators and Representatives to request their support of this important bill. To find your legislators, click here: <http://capwiz.com/vfw/dbq/officials/>.

## VA Expands A/O Ship List:

VA has expanded its list of Navy ships whose crews may be eligible for disability compensation as a result of potential exposure to the defoliant Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The new additions include the survey ships Sheldrake and Towhee, attack transport ship Okanogan, submarine rescue ship Chanticleer, destroyers Frank Knox and James E. Kyes, and transport ship General W. A. Mann. VA also expanded the dates of eligibility for sailors who served aboard the destroyer Fechteler, and extended possible presumptive status to sailors who went ashore from the guided missile cruiser Dewey or attack transport ships

Pickaway or Paul Revere. VA pays disability compensation to veterans or survivors for 14 medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure. Learn more at: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/index.asp>.

## Bergdahl Gets General Court-Martial

The Army recommended this week that Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl be tried by general court-martial under charges of desertion (Article 85) and misbehavior before the enemy (Article 99) under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Bergdahl spent almost five years as a Taliban captive before being released on May 31, 2014, in a controversial prisoner swap that freed five Taliban leaders from the U.S. military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. If convicted, maximum punishments could include a dishonorable discharge, reduction in rank to E-1, total forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and life in prison, as well as the death penalty. An arraignment date has not been announced, but it is expected to take place at Fort Bragg, N.C., where U.S. Army Forces Command is headquartered.

*(See related article on page 3)*

## VA Expands Prosthetics Benefits:

After years of successful tests, VA has agreed to begin providing exoskeletons to paralyzed veterans who meet the robotic legs' height and weight limits. Currently, 45 veterans meet the requirements and should have the opportunity to receive the newly approved robotic legs, which will not replace wheelchairs, but can last up to four hours of continuous use. The VFW will continue to track the progress of this revolutionary rehabilitation treatment and provide updates as it becomes more widely available.

## Proposed JLC 2016 Work Plan

### January 14 Conference at the General Assembly:

- Advocate for 2016 JLC Initiatives
  - Promote role of JLC
- Meet with elected officials and state leaders

### April 22 Meeting:

- Review 2016 General Assembly actions, including: legislation, budget and update on the April 20<sup>th</sup> Reconvened Session
  - Look ahead to 2017 General Assembly: conduct an initial review and discussion of potential 2017 JLC Initiatives; and review of the current status of each 2016 JLC initiatives not enacted
  - Report of the Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee (annual review)
  - Candidates for Chair and Vice Chair declare their intention to run
- Appoint Nominating Committee

### June 1:

- JLC members submit potential 2017 JLC Initiatives for discussion at July 13 meeting. It is requested that papers be in JLC format.
- JLC Chairman reviews proposals submitted to date and passes to Legislative Committee

### June 1 – June 29

- Legislative Committee reviews proposals received to date and provides feedback/guidance to drafter.
- Legislative Committee works on proposed prioritization

### June 29:

- JLC Chairman distributes potential 2017 JLC Initiatives to JLC members for review
- JLC members share potential 2017 JLC Initiatives with their VSO leadership and others in their VSO to solicit feedback, comment, additional ideas, etc.

### July 13 Meeting:

- Review and discuss all proposed 2017 JLC Initiatives
  - Adopt and prioritize 2017 JLC Initiatives
  - Appoint JLC sponsors
- Elect Chair and Vice Chair

### NLT August 15:

- Sponsors of each approved 2017 JLC Initiative prepare first draft of JLC Position Paper.
- DVS Policy Director works with sponsors on technical review.
- JLC Legislative Officer reviews and approves position papers.

- JLC Chairman reviews and approves positions papers.
  - Position papers distributed to JLC members for distribution to their VSO leadership and others in their VSO to solicit feedback, comment, additional ideas, etc.
- Position papers sent to DVS for distribution to Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs and Governor. Post position papers on JLC website

### NLT September 15:

JLC Chair appoints JLC Appointed Officers (who will serve in an acting capacity until approved by the Council at the October 12 meeting)

### October 12 Meeting:

- Prepare for meetings with General Assembly members
- Approve JLC Appointed Officers for 2016-2017

### November & December:

- Meet with Executive and Legislative branch members
- Hold legislative forums

### December 21 Meeting:

*Could be rescheduled depending on the release date of the Governor's introduced budget*

- Review Governor's Proposed Budget
- Report on General Assembly Patrons
- Plan for 2017 Conference at the General Assembly
- Adopt 2017 Meeting Schedule
- Adopt 2017 Action Plan

From Tom Gimble—Senior Vice Commander, Department of Virginia and JLC representative.

## Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations provides a vehicle for veterans service organizations to collaborate with the Department of Veterans Services on meeting the needs of Virginia's veterans. The Joint Leadership Council is open to one representative from each qualifying veterans service organization in Virginia that chooses to participate. Additional organizations will be added as certification documents are submitted. All veterans organizations are encouraged to join this initiative to support Virginia's veterans and their families, by contacting the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

<http://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations/>

## Upcoming Events

- Jan 4 Post/Auxiliary Meeting—7:30pm
- Jan 14 Day on the Hill—Richmond
- Jan 15-17 VFW & Auxiliary Winter Conference —Williamsburg, VA
- Jan 28 Executive Meeting—7pm
- Jan 30 Memorial Service for Nancy Dazzo — American Legion Post 10 — 1:00pm — 4:00pm
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- Feb 1 Post/Auxiliary Meeting—7:30pm
- Feb 9-14 Auxiliary Mid-Year Conference — Dominican Republic
- Feb 15 Deadline for Teacher of the Year Contest & Continuing Education Scholarship
- Feb 20 District 8 Meeting 1:00pm — Southern Fauquier Post 7728 – (Lunch at Noon)



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