

CANNON NEWS

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Manassas, Virginia
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Dec. 1: VOD 1st Place winner Jenascia Armstrong, a Junior at Hylton High School in Woodbridge, receives her award from Post Commander Wayne Moore, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and Youth Committee Chair Lou Filippone.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Comrades,
Post 7589 and I wish you and your families a sincere, healthy and prosperous New Year. 2018.

Attached (Pages 3 & 4) are the Veterans of Foreign Wars Priority Goals for 2020.

I would remind all comrades that membership renewal and new recruitment is vital to the commitment and success of our mission.

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season and I trust you were surrounded by family and friends, which provided you enjoyment and a lot of celebration.

I would like to thank the Bingo Community for assisting the Auxiliary in collecting food for four different food pantries in our community. We started on

August 7th and finished on December 18th. Due to the success we had, we will be doing it again starting in August 2020. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year awards. Our awards ceremony was held at the Post on December 1st. The colors were presented by the Osbourn Park High School Color Guard and our guest speaker was Lt Col Dominick (Bobby) Knight, USAF retired. Thanks to Jean MacLeod, Ellie Smith and Yvonne Sullivan for assisting in welcoming our guests and with the refreshments.

It was a rainy day on December 14th when several individuals attended Wreaths Across America (WAA) at Manassas and Quantico National Cemeteries. The mission of WAA is to Remember, Honor and Teach. This WAA annual event occurs every third Saturday in December. Thank you to everyone who supported the Auxiliary during their annual fundraiser. We hope you will be able to assist us again next year.

I would like to thank Lou and Fran Filippone for putting together the Post's Christmas Party at City Tavern on December 15th. We were honored to have the Department Commander Rick Raskin join us.

We made two trips to Birmingham Green during December. Yvonne Sullivan and I visited our adopted veteran, Carlos Ramos, to decorate his room for the holiday. Thanks to Yvonne Sullivan for making the arrangements for our annual Christmas visit to Birmingham Green on December 10th. Along with Yvonne and me, we were join by Patsy Gough, Jan Germain, Debbie Baxter, Pat and Paul Sutton, Santa and Mrs. Claus (Bob and Diane Zalenski) and Dana Zank to present the veterans with their Christmas gifts.

The Winter Conference will be held at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA from January 10 - 12, 2020. Friday night is the Auxiliary Council of Administration meeting. Saturday is the Auxiliary meeting and Saturday night is the banquet to honor the Department recipients for the Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teachers of the Year.

There are five events that have been scheduled for the upcoming months. Along with the Winter Conference, the 8th District meeting will be on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Southern Fauquier Post 7728. Lunch will be served at noon and the meeting will start at 1:00pm. A combined event for the National Auxiliary is the Mid -Year Conference and the CAFÉ from February 19-24, 2020 in Honolulu, HI. The VFW Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. is from February 29-March 5, 2020. On the agenda is honoring all the recipients from each Department for the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy.

We have two contest deadline dates that you need to be aware of: The National organization is offering the **Continuing Education Scholarship** to members and their immediate family. This scholarship is for those members who wish to further their education by pursuing a college degree or career direction at a vocational/technical school. This scholarship is due at National Headquarters in Kansas City, MO by **February 15, 2020**. The **Young American Creative Patriotic Art** contest's due date is **March 31, 2020**. If you wish more information about both of these contests, please ask any Auxiliary member or go to the National VFW Auxiliary website www.vfwauxiliary.org under Scholarship. We look forward to this year's entries.

I would like to thank the annual members who have paid their dues before December 31, 2019. According to the By-laws, if your dues were not paid by December 31st, you are not an Auxiliary member in good standing. Not paying your dues could jeopardize you from getting a Cancer Grant that National offers. For other benefits from National, please check their website www.vfwauxiliary.org under Join us/Receive Service Benefits for more information.

There are a lot of things happening at the National Home for Children. If you wish to learn more about this organization, their website is: www.vfwnationalhome.org. The cost of a life membership is \$50.00. If you would like to become a life member and need an application, please let us know.

Our coupon project is still going strong. Since July, we have collected \$18,042.55. All donated coupons are good for six months after the expiration date. Please assist us with this project for our veterans overseas. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Please remember all individuals and their family who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers.

Have a very safe and successful 2020 New Year!!!!

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



Support today's veterans and military

Help us ensure an adequate VA system will be there for the millions of current and future veterans.

When you visit your congressional representatives, please stress these are the issues we will be fighting for in the 116th Congress. These goals reflect the resolutions passed and supported by the men and women of the VFW and its Auxiliary. To find out who your congressional representatives are, visit vfw.org/actioncorps.

Play a role in the process

Ensure that these Priority Goals are enacted. Sign up today for the VFW's Action Corps Weekly e-newsletter at vfw.org/joinactioncorps.



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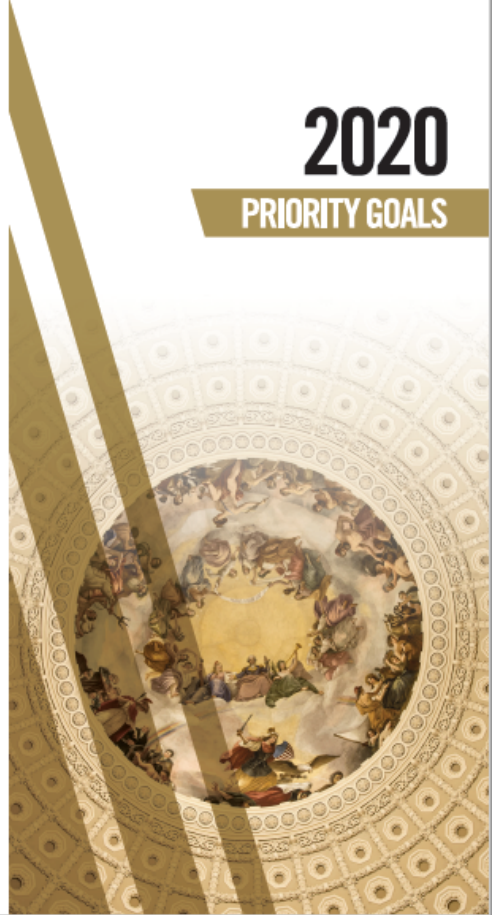
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2020
PRIORITY GOALS





2020 PRIORITY GOALS

BUDGET

To fully fund programs for veterans, service members, and their families, Congress must:

- ✓ Reform the dysfunctional federal budget process.
- ✓ Authorize VA to receive reimbursements from TRICARE and Medicare.
- ✓ Properly fund the POW/MIA full accounting mission.
- ✓ Never reduce one veteran's benefits to pay for another.

HEALTH CARE

To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA and DOD must:

- ✓ Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide.
- ✓ Preserve the integrity of TRICARE.
- ✓ Properly implement VA and DOD health IT systems.
- ✓ Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- ✓ Improve programs and services for women veterans.
- ✓ Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- ✓ Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive medicines.
- ✓ Research the efficacy of medical cannabis.
- ✓ Expand telehealth services.
- ✓ Expand nursing home eligibility.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE & MEMORIAL AFFAIRS

To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- ✓ Properly implement the modernized appeals process.
- ✓ Consider treatment of presumptive conditions as a claim for disability compensation.

- ✓ Extend Persian Gulf War disability compensation eligibility beyond 2021 and to Afghanistan-theater veterans, and reform the relevant Disability Benefits Questionnaire.
- ✓ Establish presumptive disability compensation benefits for hearing loss, tinnitus, TBI, blast survivors, and for health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- ✓ Require VA to accept private medical evidence in lieu of VA examinations.
- ✓ Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses' information on all headstones.
- ✓ Authorize more than one adaptive automotive grant for disabled veterans.
- ✓ Make the VA National Service Life Insurance competitive with private health insurance policies.
- ✓ Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- ✓ Improve accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.
- ✓ Expand VA wartime benefits to early Vietnam veterans.
- ✓ Transfer control of the Mare Island Naval Cemetery to the National Cemetery Administration.

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT & TRANSITION ASSISTANCE

To ensure veterans succeed after leaving military service, they must have access to:

- ✓ Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services throughout their lifetime.
- ✓ Timely and improved transition assistance, including access to programs after they leave military service.
- ✓ High-quality and sustainable education benefits.
- ✓ Strong employment and training programs.
- ✓ Small business development opportunities.
- ✓ Civilian credentials or academic credit for military training.
- ✓ Hiring preferences in the civil service and with large government contractors.

- ✓ National veterans treatment court advocates.
- ✓ Education and training in new and expanding career fields.
- ✓ Affordable housing and wraparound services to avoid homelessness.
- ✓ Improved character of discharge review and appeals procedures.

MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE

To maintain a quality, comprehensive benefits and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- ✓ Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.
- ✓ Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- ✓ Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- ✓ End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- ✓ Increase the government's Thrift Savings Plan contribution.
- ✓ Eliminate sexual assaults in the military.
- ✓ Establish the Armed Forces University.
- ✓ Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve component service members.
- ✓ Improve stability and support for military families.

NATIONAL SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS & POW/MIA

To fully support service members and their mission to fight the war on terrorism, and protect our nation's citizens and interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- ✓ Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- ✓ Preserve the all-volunteer force.
- ✓ Maintain a substantial military presence in the Republic of Korea.

Youth News & Notes



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone has had a wonderful holiday and looks forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Our December meeting was postponed until January due to illness and holidays. Most of the hard work for the Youth Programs is behind us, to include judging and awards presentations at the Post level. Post 7589 held our annual Educational Awards Ceremony on 1 December 2019 and presented awards to five Patriot's Pen, five Voice of

Democracy and three Teacher of the Year winners. Over \$3,350.00 in monetary prizes were awarded to our winners from the VFW and the Auxiliary. The event was well attended and all those who participated enjoyed the evening. A special thank you goes out to Senior Vice Commander Ron Link for printing the award certificates and programs and to President Mary Corkhill and the Auxiliary for the refreshments. We appreciate Department Commander and Post Quartermaster Rick Raskin for providing us with the award checks for our winners. We want to express our appreciation to Comrade Bobby Knight for his inspirational speech as our guest speaker. A final thank you is warranted for Comrade Peter MacLeod for everything he does as the most active member of the Youth Committee. I could not do my job without him.

The Department Voice of Democracy Selection Board was held at our Post on Sunday, 22 December 2019. Judges from Districts all over the State were present. The top three winners were selected from the 13 District contestants represented and the judging was quite competitive due to the high quality of the essays submitted. Our Department Voice of Democracy winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet at the VFW Winter Council on Saturday, 11 January 2020 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Districts 1, 2 and 4 placed in the top three Department VOD winners. The specific placement of all three winners will be announced at the actual awards ceremony.

Another awards ceremony at the District level honoring District Eight winners in all three contests is scheduled for Sunday, 22 February 2020 at Post 7728 in Morrisville, Virginia. There will be a 12:00 luncheon followed by the awards ceremony at 1:00 PM. Please consider attending one or both of these awards ceremonies if possible. You will hear the first place winners read their winning essays and will come to appreciate the level of talent and patriotism these young Americans demonstrate.

It was a quiet month for Scouting. Comrade Alex Bliem provided me with a brief Scouting report for Troop 1372. In it he mentions approximately 25 scouts laid wreaths at Stonewall Memorial Gardens and approximately 20 Scouts and adults participated in the Manassas Park light parade in November. He also discusses holding a successful Eagle Scout Board of Review for a Scout and anticipates possibly three to five more in the spring including his son. Congratulations to Alex and Tina for that!

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 16 January 2020 at the Post at 7:00 PM. Our emphasis will begin shifting from essay contests and award ceremonies to recruiting entries for our Scout of the Year Contest. The deadline for Scout of the Year applications is 1 March 2020 so we need to get moving on this. The good news is that we should have a good number of highly qualified Eagle Scouts from Post 7589 this year. Please join us and participate. We look forward to seeing you there.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

Landmark victory for VA Benefits achieved

The House and Senate passed the National Defense Authorization Act for 2020.

The Conference Report includes a 3.1 percent pay raise for troops and improving occupational license portability for relocated military spouses. Other important VFW-supported provisions include expanding Arlington National

Cemetery, granting full military honors for Medal of Honor and Prisoner-of-War Medal recipients, directing DOD to conduct post-deployment medical assessments for burn pits, toxic airborne chemicals, and other airborne contaminants, and incorporating blast exposure history into service members' medical records.

Also included is a provision to assist the approximately 67,000 and all future widowed military retirees who had paid into the Survivor Benefit Plan (SVP) and who qualified for the Veterans Affairs benefit for service members who were 100% disabled for a set period of time and died of a service connected injury known as Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). Up until now, a widowed spouse of a military retiree had to choose and was not eligible for both. Now, both may be awarded.

The President signed the legislation into law.

The House and Senate have also passed two mini-bus appropriations that will fund the government through September 30th, 2020. This means there will not be a government shutdown.

Read the summary of the bill at: <https://armedservices.house.gov/cache/files/f/5/f50b2a93-79aa-42a0-a1aa-d1c490011bac/3552B8ED0CB74FB28CC88F434EFB306A.fy20-ndaa-conference-summary-final.pdf>

Scams telling you to pay with Bitcoin

November 26, 2019
 by Cristina Miranda
 Division of Consumer and Business Education, FTC

At first, scammers tried to get you to wire them money. Then, they demanded payment with gift cards. Now, scammers are luring people into paying them with Bitcoin – a type of digital money or cryptocurrency. Read on to learn how to spot and avoid some of the top ways scammers are trying to get you to pay with Bitcoin.

Blackmail Scam. Someone says they know about an alleged affair, or something else embarrassing to you, and demands payments with Bitcoin or another cryptocurrency in exchange for keeping quiet. [These] scammers might use threats, intimidation, and high-pressure tactics to get you to pay right away. But, as we wrote in this blog post: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2018/08/how-avoid-bitcoin-blackmail-scam>:

“I know about the secret you are keeping from your wife and everyone else. You can ignore this letter, or pay me a \$8600 confidentiality fee in Bitcoin”.

It’s enough to send shivers down anyone’s spine, but these chilling words are part of a new scam targeting men. [T]hat’s not only a scam, but also a criminal extortion attempt. Report it to the local police, the FBI, and the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

Online Chain Referral Schemes. This type of scam works like a chain letter: someone promises that you’ll make money if you pay into the scheme. But, in a twist, these scammers say you have to use cryptocurrency to pay for the right to recruit other people into the chain...so that you’ll then be rewarded with more cryptocurrency. Except you won’t. Instead, you’re guaranteed to lose money.

Bogus Investment and Business Opportunities. Someone might offer you investment and business opportunities that promise to make you big money, or give you financial freedom. But remember, only a scammer will guarantee that you will make money — in dollars or in cryptocurrency.

All-American Dashboard Update

By Lynn Rolf
 VFW Programs Director

We are excited to announce that we have launched the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) tools button on the All-American dashboard on the MyVFW page on the national website. Please be sure and share this valuable information.

We hope you will recognize the value of this new tool and use it to evaluate your programs and other reportable metrics from the last few years. We ask you to keep pushing the importance of using the dashboard to your Post and District Adjutants.

Key Performance Indicators are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result; i.e., **impact on our communities and veterans**. KPIs provide a focus for strategic (National Headquarters) and operational (Department/District/Post level) improvement, create an analytical basis for decision making and help focus attention on what matters most. As the late Peter Drucker famously said, “What gets measured gets done.”

Managing with the use of KPIs includes setting targets (the desired level of performance) and tracking progress against that target. Managing with KPIs often means working to improve leading indicators that will later drive lagging benefits. Leading indicators are precursors of future success; lagging indicators show how successful the organization was at achieving results in the past.

If this is your first time looking at the All-American dashboard, please take a few minutes and review the training guide and watch the training videos that are tailored to each level within the organization.



All American Eligible Dashboard

Statistics: Details: Program Year:

Post:

All Met Unmet

Department	District	Post	VMS	Voice of Democracy	Patriot's Pen	Teacher Award	Buddy Poppy	Membership	Service Officer	NLS	NVS
Virginia			Met	Met	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	Met	Unmet	Unmet
Virginia	8		N/A	Met	Met	Met	N/A	Unmet	N/A	N/A	N/A
Virginia	8	7589	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Unmet	Met	N/A	N/A

Summary	
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Educational Awards Ceremony — December 1, 2019

Article and photos by Pete MacLeod

More than 80 people attended the VFW Post 7589 Educational Awards Ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019 at the VFW Home on Centreville Road in Manassas. Retired Air Force Lt. Colonel Dominick (Bobby) Knight gave the keynote address giving the young people a roadmap of how to deal with careers, triumphs and setbacks with hard work and effort being key. The Master of Ceremonies was Lou Filippone, Post Junior Vice Commander and Chair of the Youth Committee. Post Commander Wayne Moore and Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill greeted the students, parents and teachers.

120 students and five teachers in the Manassas area entered the contests in three divisions: Patriot's Pen (Grades 6 - 8,) Voice of Democracy, Grades (9-12) and Teachers (K-5, 6-8, and 9 12) The PP and VOD topic this school year was "What Makes America Great".



L-R: Patriot's Pen Award Recipients: Lou Filippone Committee Chair, Honorable Mention Emily Sherman, All Saints Catholic School, Honorable Mention Andrew Hensley, Reagan Middle School, Third Place Abigail Ingles, Manassas Park Middle School, Second Place Keona Thomas, Manassas Christian School, First Place Audrey Henderson, Reagan Middle School, Aux. President Mary Corkhill and Post Commander Wayne Moore

Voice of Democracy Award Recipients, L-R: Lou Filippone Comm. Chair, Honorable Mention Delaney Falls, Seton School, Honorable Mention Rachel Luetkemeyer, Seton School, Third Place Virginia Hartung, Seton School, Second Place Lauren Bradshaw, Home schooled in Centreville, First Place Jenascia Armstrong, Hylton High School, Aux. President Mary Corkhill and Post Commander Wayne Moore



Teachers of the Year, L-R: Lou Filippone Comm. Chair, Naval Science Instructor Darrick Williams of the Navy Junior ROTC program at Osborn Park High School, Matthew Perry, Social Studies Teacher at Marstellar Middle School, Molly Stookey, Kindergarten Teacher at Yorkshire Elementary School, Aux. President Mary Corkhill and Post Commander Wayne Moore

Osborn Park HS Color Guard



Post Judge Advocate, Retired Air Force Colonel Bobby Knight



First Place PP Audrey Henderson



First Place Award recipient Jenascia Armstrong , a Junior at Hylton High School in Woodbridge reads her essay



Grades K-5 Teacher of the Year Ms Molley Stookey,, Kindergarten Teacher at Yorkshire Elementary School in Manassas



Grades 6-8 Teacher of the Year Mr. Matthew Perry, Social Studies Teacher at Marstellar Middle School in Bristow



Grades 9 -12 Teacher of the year, Mr. Darrick Williams , Naval Science Instructor in the Navy Junior ROTC program at Osbourn Park High School in Manassas

Post's Holiday Party — City Tavern — December 15

Photos by Pete MacLeod





PHOTO FROM FACEBOOK

Virginia's own Hal Roesch, VFW Senior Vice Commander in Chief, helped serve Thanksgiving dinner to troops in the UAE.



JEANMARIE KOMYATHY

On December 18, State Commander Rick Raskin had the honor to escort Marie Komyathy to the stage on the opening night of Manassas Ballet Theatre's "The Nutcracker". Opening night is their salute to the military and Marie, who helps at our Post Bingo, was the honoree. Pictured (L-R) MBT Executive Director Mark Wolfe, Rick Raskin, Marie Komyathy and Artistic Director Amy Wolfe.

Starting January 1, 2020 the Department of Defense is expanding in-store military exchange and commissary shopping privileges as well as MWR resale facility use to:

- PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS
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Upcoming Events

January 6	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
January 10-12	Winter Conference, Portsmouth, VA
January 14	Day on the Hill (TBD)
January 16	Youth Committee 7 PM
February 3	Executive Meeting— 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
February 15	Continuing Education Scholarship (Deadline)
February 19-24	Auxiliary Mid Year Conference, Honolulu HI
February 20	Auxiliary CAFÉ/Nat'l Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific/10 AM
February 20	Youth Committee 7 PM
February 22	District 8 Meeting 1PM/Southern Fauquier 7728
February 24	Americanism Committee Meeting 7 PM
February 29	VFW Legislative Conference starts
March 1-5	Continuation of VFW Legislative Conference/VOD/PP/Washington, DC
March 2	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
March 19	Youth Committee 7 PM
March 23	Americanism Committee Meeting 7 PM
March 31	Patriotic Arts (Deadline)
April 2	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Nominations)
April 16	Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM
April 26	District 8 Convention/Culpeper 2524/12 PM (Election)
April 27	Flag Retirement - 9 AM at the Post (TBD)
	Americanism Committee Meeting 7 PM
April 30	Department Program Reports (Deadline)
May 4	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Elections)
May 18	Americanism Committee Meeting 7 PM
May 21	Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM
May 23-24	Buddy Poppy Drive 9 AM -3 PM/Giant in Manassas (TBD)
May 25	Vet Day Activities/8:30 AM,, Memorial/9 AM Cemetery

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