

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
January 2023

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RICK RASKIN

First Place: Arianna I. Paim, 12th Grade, Colgan High School, Manassas, Va. reads her winning essay at the Post's Educational Awards ceremony on December 4.  
See additional pictures of the ceremony on pages 3 and 4.

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## Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Comrades,

Wishing all a healthy and safe New Year!

As time marches on veterans of the Viet Nam War and the era are finally getting the Veterans Administration to address their needs. Please read below for information and where to apply for care and benefits of the recently passed PACT ACT.

### PACT ACT ELIGIBILITY

The new law makes veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam from January 9, 1962 - May 7, 1975; Guam or American Samoa, (or in the territorial waters) from January 9, 1963, to July 31, 1980; Cambodia or Minot or Krek, Kampong Cham Providence from April 16, 1969, to April 30, 1969; Thailand (Anu US or Royal Thai-base) from January 9, 1962, to June 30, 1976; Laos from December 1, 1965, to September 29, 1969; and Johnston Stoll (or on a ship that called there) from January 1, 1972, to September 30, 1972, eligible to enroll in VA healthcare.

The law also expands eligibility for healthcare and benefits for veterans who participated in certain nuclear response PR clean-up activities in Eniwetok Atoll, from January 1, 1977, to December 31, 1980; Palomares, Spain, from January 17, 1966, to March 31, 1967; and Thule Greenland, from January 21, 1968, to September 25, 1968.

The PACT added two new Agent Orange Presumptive conditions: Monoclonal gammopathy of 2. undetermined significance (MGUS) and high blood pressure (hypertension). We encourage you to reach out to a VVA Service Officer to learn how to apply for these benefits under the new law and to go to <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits> to learn more about these earned benefits

The VBA will begin processing these benefits claims in January 2023 and we encourage all to apply because the effective date of the new presumptive benefits was August 10, 2022.

The VFW continues to pursue and assure promised veterans' benefits remain intact, as well as petitioning Congress on new illnesses arising from combat-related exposure. Please continue to support your local VFW or seek a Veteran Service Office about your claim issues.

<https://www.vvaveteran.org>

## Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

As the year 2022 fades into the history books, the members of VFW Auxiliary 7589 wish peace, happiness and good health for you and your loved ones.

I found a quote from Joaquin Phoenix, an actor, and wanted to pass it forward. It is something to think about for the New Year. *"We're at our best when we support each other. Not when we cancel each other out for our past mistakes but when we help each other to grow"*.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



## Elizabeth Lewis —



2009 Photo by Rick Raskin

We are saddened by the passing of our oldest member Comrade Elizabeth Lewis a WWII veteran. Elizabeth passed on Wednesday, December 21 at the age of 102.

Elizabeth was commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps in July 1943. In June 1944 she was assigned as a surgical nurse to the US Army Hospital Ship *Emily Weder* and was deployed to the Mediterranean Theater of Operations where she treated wounded Allied servicemembers fighting in North Africa, Anzio, and Italy. In 1945 the ship was redeployed to the South Pacific where she cared for those servicemembers wounded in the fighting in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands.

Elizabeth earned three Battle Stars for her service in the European Theater of Operations. She also earned two additional Battle Stars for the campaigns in the Pacific. After honorable discharge she continued nursing in the civilian sector. She was recently honored as a Living Legend by the Women's Memorial in Arlington, VA. Even at her advanced age she often wore her WWII uniform to community events.

## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone has had a pleasant holiday season and a Happy New Year. Due to the busy holiday schedule for everyone we deferred our December meeting until January. Last month we were fairly busy with youth related activities. On Sunday, 4 December we held our annual Educational Awards Ceremony at the Post. We had a very nice turnout this year and all the award recipients except for a couple attended. Refreshments

following the ceremony were furnished by the Auxiliary. I would like to thank Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and Auxiliary member Janet Raskin for that. I would also like to thank Post Adjutant Ron Link for producing the programs and certificates and to express my appreciation to Past State Commander Rick Raskin for photography at the event and for providing the award checks for the winners. Another thank you goes out to our guest speaker, and fellow Comrade, Michael Hastings. He gave an incredible address to the assembly and spoke about his fascinating and exciting military and airline career as a pilot. It made for an enjoyable experience at the ceremony. Let me also give credit to all the Youth Committee members who participated in this year's youth programs and made our Post so successful. To Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Peter MacLeod, Erika Laos and Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill a very big thank you. I would also like to acknowledge Past Post Commander Jerry Martin for all he did with our Teacher of the Year Program and for being instrumental in facilitating teacher nominations for our Post.

Please remember our Post won four out of five categories in District competition and those winners advanced to Department judging on 17 December in Mechanicsville. I am also pleased to inform you that our Voice of Democracy Post second place and District first place winner John P. McGraw, an 11th grader from Seton School in Manassas, also placed in the top three at the Department judging. All three Department winners will be recognized at the Awards Banquet on Saturday, 14 January at the Winter Council in Portsmouth, Virginia. The placement of the winners will be announced then. Please show your support for John and attend the banquet if you can. We have had an incredibly successful year at our Post with our youth and teacher programs. Again without my talented staff and supportive Comrades and Auxiliary members all our success would not be possible.

The District Eight Educational Awards Ceremony is also on the agenda and is scheduled for Saturday, 4 February at Post 3103 in Fredericksburg. Due to scheduling our District Awards Ceremony always follows the Department Ceremony. I would also encourage you to attend this event as well and show your support for our five Post 7589 winners who will be recognized. After this event we are done with our educational contests until March when we hold our Scout of the Year and Patriotic Art Contests. We have some time until then, but I just wanted to give

you a heads up. The deadline for the contests is 31 March and I will provide you with more information in future newsletters as the time approaches. Lastly, look out for information on our Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony. We haven't picked the date yet and will share the information with you once it is available.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19 January at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us if you can and help mentor America's youth. Take care and have a happy and healthy New Year.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair



Patriots Pen winners Leyla Alton, Jane M. Judge, Rachel Christine Baughman and Shannon Rotter with Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and Senior Vice Commander Lou Filippone.



Voice of Democracy winners Isaac Fleisig, Hugh McCloskey, Titus Staton, John McGraw and Arianna Paim



Post Educational Awards — December 4, 2022



Battlefield High School JROTC Color Guard



SVC Lou Filippone was master of ceremonies.



Comrade Mike Hastings gave an inspiring speech.



Shannon Rotter reads her first place Patriots Pen essay.



Lou Filippone, Sarah Coradetti, Teacher of the Year, 4th Grade, Baldwin Elementary and Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill.

## General Enrollment Period for Medicare Part B

By Lizna Odhwani



Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Virginia

If you did not apply for Medicare Part B (medical insurance) within three months before or after turning age 65, you have another chance each year during the General Enrollment Period. The period runs from January 1 to March 31 every year.

If you don't enroll in Part B when you're first eligible for it, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B coverage. Your monthly premium will increase 10% for each 12-month period that you were eligible for Part B but did not sign up for it. [Your coverage starts the first day of the month after you sign up.](#)

To learn more about Medicare, please visit our Medicare Benefits page at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare](http://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare). You may also read our publication at [www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf](http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10043.pdf).



At our last bingo of 2022 we had quite a crowd. Join us any Wednesday morning. Doors open at 7:30 and games start at 9:15. Help is always welcomed.

## Post Steps Up to Help a Disabled Veteran and His Family

We received the following request from Battlefield High School's AFJROTC instructor SMSgt USAF (Ret) Dave Shuler who is also Post 7589 and District 8 Teacher of the year for Grades 9-12:

*This year our Top 3 Cadet Leadership team wanted to do something for a family in need. We found a family in need connected to our school. Mrs. Daly is an Administrative Assistant here at Battlefield and works in the office right beside our JROTC classroom. She reached out to us as her son SSG Hauglie was recently medically discharged from the US Army after almost 10 years.*

*SSG Hauglie was injured in a training exercise in preparation for another deployment. He is married and has three beautiful children. While he is waiting for the VA to process his 100% disability, he is out of the Army. His family has moved into a trailer on his wife's parent's farm, and he told his mom that Christmas would be hard this year.*

*Mrs. Daly has three sons SSG Hauglie, another son who is a Marine and a third son in the Air Force. Her husband is a retired 21-year Marine. So, to say the family is patriotic is an understatement. We have reached out to them and asked for a Christmas list for all three children. And we are collecting money to purchase gift cards for the family.*

At our December meeting the membership approved a donation of \$600 to help the family through the holiday season. Comrade Mike Hastings also had previously donated a \$50 gift card for a needy family, making the total donation \$650. Wayne Moore and Rick Raskin presented the check and gift card to Ms. Daly at Battlefield High on December 8th.



BATTLEFIELD HS AFJROTC



Post and Auxiliary send 10 more packages to deployed troops  
*17 packages sent in 2 separate mailings*



MARY CORKHILL

Wayne Moore prepares items for packaging



MARY CORKHILL

Another batch of goodies ready to be packaged



RICK RASKIN

Mary Corkhill with 10 boxes that were filled, labeled and delivered to the Post Office



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The packages arrived in good condition and were enjoyed by the troops

## Scouting Report



**Alex & Tina Bliem**  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

In December our scouts participated in several service projects performed for our community and our country. They participated in the Manassas Park Light Parade where they decorated a float and walked the entire distance of the parade. The community always enjoys the light parade and seeing our scouts out there.

We also had a delegation of scouts and adults go to Stonewall Memorial Garden where they laid wreaths at the grave sites of our fellow veterans. This is a yearly service that our younger Cub Scouts started doing many years ago.

We also had a request by Manassas Park to have our scouts go around and judge the light displays at peoples homes. They went around the entire city with adult drivers and judged all of the houses. They had several different categories in which the selected homeowner won prizes that were awarded by the city. The city also has invited those scouts to the next city council meeting to be recognized for their help. This was a great volunteer opportunity for our scouts which included good face time with the city.

All of our scouting units also had their yearly Christmas party where they swapped gifts, played games, and had various foods and snacks. They all had a great time together.

Our older scouts are also working on their own fundraisers such as making and selling candles, with other options in the works to help pay for their 2023 National Jamboree and other large camping trips. The National Jamboree is a ten day camping trip at Summit Bechtel in W.V. There they will cook all of their own food and have access to many high adventure type activities. It is basically a build your own adventure where the scouts can go around and participate in any of the activities every day. The Jamboree only occurs once every four years.



## Virginia Needs a Women Veteran License Plate. Apply For Yours Now.

The Commonwealth has one of the largest percentage populations of women veterans of any state. It's time to recognize and honor them with a special Women Veterans License Plate.

To do this, DVS must collect 450 pre-applications for this license plate along with a deposit before January 11, 2023 so legislation can be sent to the Virginia General Assembly to approve the new plate in the next session. Time is short but together we can do it.

[Click here](#) for an application form. Print it, fill it out and mail it with a \$10 check (\$20 for personalized plate) (No cash) to:

Beverly VanTull  
Virginia Department of Veterans Services  
101 North 14th Street, 17th Floor  
Richmond, VA 23219

For more information, contact DVS Women Programs Manager Beverly VanTull at 804.297.9783 or [Beverly.vantull@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:Beverly.vantull@dvs.virginia.gov).

“Virginia’s women veterans deserve to have recognition for their service and the Women Veterans License Plate will give them the opportunity to let everyone know that they proudly served our Commonwealth and our Nation,” said DVS Commissioner Daniel Gade.



## PSC Buddy Weekley



It is with a deep sense of sadness that the State Headquarters announces the passing of Past State Commander Buddy Weekley.

Buddy was a legacy life member of Myers-Hodges VFW Post 8644 in Bridgewater. He earned his eligibility for membership by serving in the U. S. Army with ACO 4th Battalion 12th Infantry 199th Light Infantry in the Republic of Vietnam (1967-1968) where he earned the Na-

tional Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal with two overseas service bars, Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Purple Heart.

He would later serve as a police officer before starting a very successful locksmith company.

Buddy served as State Commander for the 2014-2015 VFW year and had also served several terms as the Commander of Myers-Hodges VFW Post 8644. During his year as State Commander, Buddy made changes to the All-State plan which resulted in more Posts earning the honor and long-term growth in membership for many Posts.

Buddy is survived by his wife, Debbie, and a large family.

Contributions in Buddy's memory may be made to the Myers-Hodges VFW Post 8644, P. O. Box 152, Bridgewater, VA, 22812, earmarked Voice of Democracy Scholarship Fund.

Cards may be sent to:

Debra Weekley  
595 Bowman Road  
Dayton, Virginia 22821

## Special VFW website to streamline referrals to our cadre of service officers for VA Disability Claims under the PACT Act

My fellow Comrades,

Here is another update on VFW actions regarding the PACT Act. As I mentioned last week, while we're celebrating this great victory, our mission continues – What's next is that we now must do everything possible to ensure EVERY veteran is made aware and has opportunity to meet with a VFW Accredited Service Officer. Camp Lejeune Justice Act (CLJA) claims are different than VA Disability claims thus the reason we have entrusted law firms for CLJA claims that require an attorney as it will likely involve litigation in a federal court. VA Disability Claims are a different matter though.

Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> we *deployed* a website to streamline referrals to our cadre of accredited service officers for VA Disability Claims. Through a short series of questions, veterans can determine whether they're likely eligible for VA benefits and request to be contacted by a VFW Accredited Service Officer. Our system will capture their answers and generate a referral. The veteran will then be contacted by a VFW service officer within one week.

The site also warns against scams, explains the basics of the PACT Act and encourages veterans to get involved with the VFW through joining the VFW if eligible, by signing up for Action Corps as well as making a donation. They can choose one, all three or none.

Making this site available is just phase one of our large-scale effort to make certain every veteran meets with us. We'll soon start nationwide promotion and will need your help getting the word out, so we're developing a toolkit for you to use in your communication vehicles to make certain we reach **EVERY** veteran.

Once these emails come out, we would ask that you promote by sending out to your Department leaders and members, placing on your website or social media accounts and in any print publications you have.

Please note the URL or link is [www.pactactinfo.org](http://www.pactactinfo.org).

More communication is to come, but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let me know.

### Dan West

Adjutant General  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

*The above, directed at department leadership, was received from VFW on November 15 and has been edited for timeliness of information. ED*



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**JLC REPORT**

The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations met on December 15 at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. The focus of the meeting was to prioritize the legislative initiatives for the upcoming legislative session in January 2023. Initiatives are prioritized as follows:

**Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Services Members “Killed in Action” to also include “Died on Active Duty”**

To reform the Virginia state law, Tax Relief for Surviving Spouse of a Member of the Armed Forces “Killed in Action” through a Virginia Constitutional Amendment to include died on active duty in the section that addresses surviving spouses of members of the armed forces killed in action.

**Virginia Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Effective Date**

To amend the Virginia Disabled Veteran Real Property Tax Exemption to end the arbitrary, capricious, and disparate treatment of Virginia's most disabled veterans.

**Income Tax Subtraction Removal of Age Requirement**

Amend and reenact § 58.1-322.02 of the Code of Virginia to remove the 55-year-old age requirement.

**Increase GF Support for State Veterans Cemeteries; Eliminate Spouse Burial Fees**

To provide an additional \$300,000 (GF) per fiscal year to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services so that the spousal burial fee may be eliminated at Virginia's three state veterans' cemeteries.

**Virginia National Guard State Park Admission**

To ensure Virginia's continued commitment to the men and women of the Virginia National Guard by offering free or reduced-price entrance to state parks for all Virginia National Guard members.

**Tax Exemption for National Guard**

To adjust Virginia's current income tax deduction for National Guard Pay from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

Regarding the VFW Department of Virginia's proposed initiative requesting relief from the proposed charitable gaming regulations, I am disappointed that it was not adopted but instead deferred to next year if needed. Read the original proposal at:

<https://www.vfw7589.org/JLC.pdf>

Position papers can be viewed at: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/dvs/joint-leadership-council-veterans-service-organizations-2>

Governor Youngkin supports removal of spousal burial fees and has allocated \$400,000 in the forthcoming budget, an increase of \$100,000 over what we were asking. He also supports removing the age restriction on exempting a portion of military retirement income from state tax and allowing National Guard members free admission to state parks.

In addition to his written report, DVS Commissioner Dan Gade spoke about the proposed Woman Veteran Virginia license plate and indicated that many additional applications are needed before DMV will issue it. He also spoke about conflicting DoD regulations defining Killed in Action that specifically exclude those killed by terrorist action. That would affect those killed on 9/11 and in embassy bombings.

Read Commissioner Gade's full report at: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/VDVS-Update-for-JLC-1.pdf>

Suicide prevention and screening in Virginia was discussed and a program to Identify, Screen and Refer possible suicide risks (VISR) was outlined. So far 77 DVS Veterans Service Representatives have screened over 400 veterans per month. The program is inviting community partners to participate, and I believe this would be a good fit for our service officers. There is an enrollment survey to complete at: [https://gmuchss.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_560ywErc7FVsVF4](https://gmuchss.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_560ywErc7FVsVF4). Read about the VISR program at: <https://www.vfw7589.org/VISR.pdf>

The JLC Work Plan for 2023 was approved and can be viewed at: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/JLC-2023-Meeting-Schedule-and-Work-Plan.pdf>

Rick Raskin  
Past State Commander  
JLC Representative

## Commissioner's Corner



It's December and it's hard to realize that in just a few weeks I will have served as your Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services for an entire year. It has been a great privilege to do so.

I was honored when our newly elected Governor, Glenn Youngkin, asked me to lead this agency. Both the Governor and Secretary Crenshaw made it clear that this new administration understood the importance of the military and our veterans to the Commonwealth and were committed

to do whatever it took to assure that Virginia is the #1 state in America for veterans, active military, and their families.

One of the first milestones – and a goal of the new Governor from day one of his administration – was to introduce legislation to eliminate state taxes on military retirement benefits up to \$40,000 annually over the next four years. It was a great achievement when this legislation passed the General Assembly and the Governor signed it into law. As he has said, this was just one more way that we can achieve the goal of making sure that the Commonwealth is the best place for veterans and their families to live, work and thrive.

Looking back over the past twelve months, I am also particularly proud of many other achievements that DVS has made, including:

- Our Veteran Service Representatives (VSRs) increased their contacts with Virginia veterans and their families by 22% over the previous year to 275,915. Through these personal interactions, DVS helped these veterans and families submit 86,847 claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for benefits earned through their military service – a 33% increase. Disability claims were also up almost 19%. Making sure that Virginia veterans and their families are aware of and take advantage of these benefits is one of our most important missions at DVS.

- As I mentioned, the Governor and this administration are strongly committed to keeping transitioning service members and veterans here in our civilian workforce. Our Virginia Values Veterans (V3) program continued to lead the way in these efforts. In July, Governor Youngkin welcomed one of Virginia's largest employers, Walmart, as the newest V3 partner employer and in September announced that we had reached the 100,000 milestone in veterans hired through the program as we recognized outstanding V3 partner employers at our annual V3 Awards Luncheon.

- We continued the Commonwealth's commitment to our more than 107,000 women veterans as DVS hosted the annual Virginia Women Veterans Summit in July in Richmond. But despite having so many women veterans in Virginia, we don't have a special license plate honoring them. A Virginia Women Veterans license plate is long overdue. To have the DMV create and issue a wom-

en veteran license plate, DVS must collect 450 pre-applications along with a \$10 deposit by January 11, 2023, so the request can be sent to the General Assembly for approval. Access the application by clicking [here](#). If you are one of the first 450 persons to submit a pre-application with the \$10 deposit, you will have the opportunity to vote on the plate design. Any questions? Reach out to DVS Women Veterans Program Manager Beverly VanTull at 804-482-8512 or [womenvet@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:womenvet@dvs.virginia.gov).

- Virginia also took a major step forward this year by creating a program solely dedicated to understanding and preventing suicides and opioid addiction among veterans and their families. We have hired a well-qualified director for this program and are currently hiring team members to implement new initiatives. DVS will begin awarding grants this spring to build service delivery capacity at the local level. Look for more information on how to apply in future editions of the DVS eNews.

- This year, DVS continued to provide the finest rehabilitative and long-term care services for our veterans at the Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond and the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke. In fact, the Sitter & Barfoot facility was ranked as the #1 nursing home in Virginia by Newsweek. In 2023, many more Virginia veterans will have the opportunity to take advantage of these services as we formally open and begin accepting residents at our two newest centers – the Jones & Cabacoy Veterans Care Center in Virginia Beach and the Puller Veterans Care Center in Fauquier County.

Forgive me if I give the impression of “blowing our own horn” here at DVS. I know we always have room to do better to serve you who so unselfishly served. But I am proud of the great work of our more than 800 DVS team members who work so hard to do the very best for their fellow Virginia veterans, spouses, and family members. It is truly a mission in which we all believe and we do our best to make your lives better every day.

As always, please contact any of our team members or me if you have ideas, suggestions or comments you wish to share. We look forward to your input.

My best wishes to you and your families for the Happiest of Holidays. Please enjoy our annual agency holiday [video](#) which features a variety of our service accomplishments in 2022. May God continue to bless our Commonwealth and our Nation.

Sincerely,

Daniel Gade, PhD, Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Veterans Services





**ANNUAL MEMBERS  
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

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VFW ACTION CORPS**

RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER  
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Use camera mode to scan code



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Text "VFW" to 50457  
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Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](http://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)

**Post 7589 Service Officer  
Monti Zimmerman  
703-223-2211**



**Veterans  
Crisis Line**  
1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

Confidential chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net)  
or text to **838255**

### Legacy Life membership

This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are three levels of membership; each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Enrollment Cost:

Annual Payouts:

Levels	Posts	Departments	National
Gold-	\$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

### Member Incentives

	Bronze \$400	Silver \$800	Gold \$1200
Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card*	●	●	●
Lapel Pin*	●	●	●
Hat Pin*	●	●	●
Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life members*	●	●	●
Framed Legacy Life membership Certificate	●	●	●
Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	●	●	●
Special Legacy Life Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch*	●	●	●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza*	●	●	●
VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) *	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment: Department	\$6	\$12	\$18

**2022-23 Post Officers**

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Bobby Knight
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Ron Knowles
1 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
2 Year Trustee	Dave Mattingly
3 Year Trustee	Chris Morgan
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Monti Zimmerman
Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem

**2022-23 Auxiliary 7589 Officers**

President	Mary Corkhill
Senior Vice President	Ellie Smith
Junior Vice President	Cindy McIntyre
Secretary	Ann Mitchell
Treasurer	Elanor Doczi
Chaplain	Cookie Cullen
Conductress	Janet Raskin
Guard	Patsy Gough
Trustee 1	Jan Germain
Trustee 2	Janet Raskin
Trustee 3	Yvonne Sullivan
Historians	Patsy Gough Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Lorri Allen Smith



**The VFW National Home for Children**

The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime **opportunity** for military and veteran related families.

If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

Most qualify to apply. Caring staff will help families to determine eligibility.

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- 90:10 Jackpot**  
(Prize = 90% of sales)
- Pull Tabs & Hard Cards**
- \$10.00 Bingo Book**  
(includes Early Birds)

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**DOORS OPEN 7:30 AM**

**GAMES START AT 9:15 AM**

**SPECIAL**  
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Virginia Department  
of  
Veterans Services

Manassas Office

9300 W. Courthouse Rd.  
Suite 305  
703-479-7437



## Upcoming Events

January 2	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
January 9	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
January 12—15	Winter Council meeting — Portsmouth, VA
January 13	State Commander & State President Homecoming — Portsmouth, VA — 5:00 - 7:00 PM
January 19	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
February 4	District 8 Meeting & Youth Awards — Post 3103 — Fredericksburg — 10:00 AM
February 6	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
February 13	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
February 16	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
March 6	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
March 13	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
March 16	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
June 1– 4	State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$149.00 per night. Group name: “Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2023”; Cut-off Date April 28, 2023.
July 22—27	National Convention — Phoenix, AZ

VIRGINIA SENATORS		
Mark Warner		202-224-2023
Tim Kaine		202-224-4024
VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVES		
Rob Wittman	1st District	202-225-4261
Elaine Luria	2nd District	202-225-4215
Bobby Scott	3rd District	202-225-8351
Donald McEachin	4th District	202-225-6365
Bob Good	5th District	202-225-4711
Ben Cline	6th District	202-225-5431
Abigail Spanberger	7th District	202-225-2815
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