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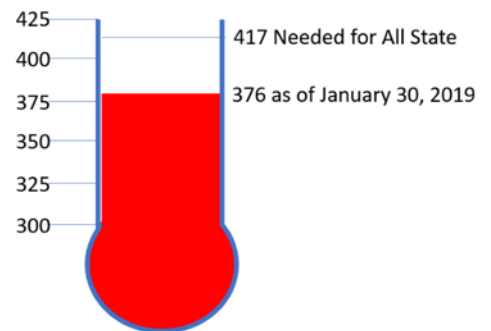
Cathy Graham/Auxiliary 3150

Olivia Boomer, State 3rd place VOD winner receives awards at the annual awards banquet on January 12 in Portsmouth, Virginia. Attending: State SVC Rick Raskin, Auxiliary 7589 SVC Janet Raskin, District 8 Commander Geoff Lyster, Auxiliary Programs Chair Peggy Schupska and Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Comrades,

Well, the Winter Council held January 11-13 is complete. No doubt there was some constructive work and group consensus on the way forward for Virginia's

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department, Posts and our veterans. I understand the need for the Council and the accomplishments achieved by having the authoritative majority come face to face in one room. However, the highlights of the Council that truly touched me emotionally on several fronts were the events at the Banquet.

Firstly, I was blown away by the students' essay submissions. This was my first time participating as an essay evaluator. I was stunned yet enthralled by the foresight, patriotism, research, humanity and clarity of the content of the material provided. As most of you are aware, the VFW proudly sponsors two essay contests each year; Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. This year's themes were "Why my vote Matters" and "Why I Honor the American Flag," respectively. Again, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge and give a "BZ" to Junior Vice Commander and Chairman of Youth Activities, Lou Filippone and the comrades who participated in the process.

The judging process starts at the individual post, district, and department, with financial recognition at each level for the top three through each phase. Most were good/very good, and impressive. So why am I so into this. Simple. As a veteran who is often questioned or addresses issues on these very themes of this year's essays, I was moved to the core to read and hear these young individuals' understanding

and take away of the country in which they live. As each one walked to the podium and delivered their beliefs on the importance of honoring the flag or people's right to vote, it was more than to receive an award. This message is a poignant one that all of us should be adhering to; especially for those that put their lives on the line or fought alongside people of all persuasions.

These young people were fair in their admonishment of those who failed to perform necessary civic duties, and those who summarily undermined the rights of those willing to exercise that duty. They evoked the right for a peaceful protest of people considered the underclass or not even considered. Above all, each one of them clearly understood and recognized the blood, sweat, and sacrifices made to get this country to where it is; without the men and women of the United States military the stated progress might not have been possible.

My second take away was the generosity of one of Post 7589's most outstanding members. I have known this Comrade for eight going on nine years. His untiring dedication and work on behalf of the Post and VFW are unmatched. I consider him Post 7589's Renaissance Comrade; fabricating and installing locks, doors, chairs, tables or computers and ensuring the Post has operable equipment to accomplish our mission effectively. He is the Post Bingo manager and Quartermaster. Aah, yes, and serves as the Department Senior Vice Commander too. Okay, okay, I knew all that before the Banquet.

However, what I did not know was that Rick and Janet Raskin desired to put their money where their interest and efforts lie into a higher philanthropic endeavor. Sitting there listening as the Department Commander, Ken Wiseman called each awardee to the podium was no big deal,

even when he called Rick and Janet up for the first time it didn't pique my attention. As the Commander continued, one had to take notice that Rick and Janet were quickly becoming track stars as they repeatedly joined each awardee as a recipient of their benevolence.

They contributed to the Teacher of the Year, second and third places on Voice of Democracy, and second place for Patriot's Pen. Additionally, they sponsored the winner of the Voice of Democracy to a Leadership Conference in Valley Forge and defrayed some of the cost for the awardee's attendance to the banquet.

Rick and Janet are lauded and commended for their generous gesture. No dollar figure is noted because I am a believer that a gift from the heart is not measured by quantity, but by the kindness of those capable of sharing or extending themselves to another human being. The awardees, almost to a person, received standing ovations for their presentations and essays.



Cathy Graham

Rick & Janet Raskin created an education awards endowment

Any member of the Post in a position to participate and wishes to contribute to our Education Awards, please contact Post Commander Moore or Quartermaster Raskin.

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



Due to the untimely passing of District President Sheila Hunter, who went to her heavenly home in December, Ms. Kathlene Bilger is now the new 8th District President. We look forward to her leadership and know she will do an outstanding job.

The Department Winter Conference was held in Portsmouth, VA January 11 – 13. At the Saturday evening banquet, the three top recipients from Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen read their entries before Department Commander Ken Wiseman presented them with their Department awards. The Teachers of the Year recipients were also in attendance. The Department's first place essay along with the Teachers of the Year recipients were forwarded to National Headquarters in Kansas City, MO to compete with other Department's first place recipients. At the VFW Legislative Conference on March 2 - 7 the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Scholarship recipients will receive their National awards from National Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence and National President Sandi Kriebel.

There are several holidays and events scheduled for February. Remember your loved ones on February 14th for Valentine's Day. The 8th District meeting is Saturday, February 16th at Southern Fauquier Post 7728 in Morrisville, VA. Lunch will be served at noon with the joint meeting starting at 1:00pm. Please bring a small gift for the 8th District's Veteran & Family Support raffle. President's Day is Monday, February 18th this year. In March, the National Auxiliary Mid-Year Conference will be March 14-17 in Tucson, AZ.

The National VFW Auxiliary is pleased to present the Continuing Education Scholarship. This scholarship is to assist

members and their immediate family the opportunity to further their education by pursuing a college degree or a career direction at a vocational/technical school. If you are planning to apply, your application must be in at National Headquarters by **February 15, 2019**. Here is the National website for the application: <https://vfwauxiliary.org/wp-content/uploads/FINAL-Continuing-Education-Scholarship-PRINTABLE.pdf>



The deadline for the Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest for high school students is **March 31, 2019**. Last year, Auxiliary 7589 was honored to have a senior from Seton School, Ms. Catherine Henebery place 5th at the National level. This contest began in 1979 to recognize up-and-coming artists and encourage patriotism in our youth. There are now two different dimensional arts that can be submitted by high school students. The **Two-dimensional** art must be on canvas or paper. This dimensional can be done in watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen ink, oil marker or other media taught. What's new this year is **Three-dimensional** art which can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, fabric, etc. The **Three-dimensional** art **cannot** be more than 5 lbs. in weight. **Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED.** Please ask any Auxiliary member about this contest and we will provide you with more information or you can go to the National Auxiliary website <http://www.vfwauxiliary.org> under Scholarship/Patriotic Art. We look forward to this year's entries. We also want to thank the comrades for their assistance in promoting this program. If you know of any high school age student who would like to participate in this contest, please let any Post and/or Auxiliary member know or contact me at 703/361- 8950 or mcorkhill@comcast.net.

I want to give a large "THANK YOU" to all the corporations, Manassas Park Post 1811, and private individuals who assisted in our fundraiser with Wreaths Across America (WAA) this year. Thanks to Ginger Harvey for her hard

work getting donations from corporations. WAA has already posted the National Wreaths Across America Day for December 14, 2019 at noon for Quantico National Cemetery. The time for this event is subject to change and we will keep you informed. We will be participating in this fundraiser again next year.

In the past, we have given certificates to corporations and individuals for flying our U.S. flag. We are requesting assistance from the Post and Auxiliary members who know of anyone flying the U.S. flag to please let us know. We would like to recognize them again for honoring our flag. Thank you in advance.



The members of this Auxiliary are working with veterans to assist them in writing articles for the Veteran Voice Writing Project. Their website states: "*The Mission of the Veteran Voice Writing Project is to enable military veterans to experience solace and satisfaction through the writing program. Their Vision is a world where people appreciate that writing can both heal and entertain. It has devoted exclusively to the writings of military veterans for over 70 years*". We would like to thank Wayne Ince, from Florida, for submitting his article for this project. This was a total surprise when it arrived. If any Post members would like to participate, please let us know. We would love to have your input.

Just an advance notice. In April we will be electing new officers for the 2019-2020 Auxiliary year. Please consider taking a position so we can continue our mission to support our veterans. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the wonderful job you are doing. All of you are **AWESOME**.



I have been informing you for years about The National Home for Children. It was founded in 1925 on 472 acres of land known as Grand

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Youth News & Notes



Lou Filippone

A big hello to everyone from the Youth Committee. I hope this update finds you all well and reasonably warm. We had our last Youth Committee meeting Thursday, 17 January and due to the weather, and

other commitments, it was not heavily attended. The main topic discussed was the Scout of the Year contest. We are currently recruiting Scouts for this award. The contest deadline is 1 March and is fast approaching. Scouts eligible for this award must be the recipient of the Eagle Scout Award, Girl Scout Gold Award, Venture Summit Award, or Sea Scout Quartermaster Award. They must also be a registered, active member of a Boy or Girl Scout Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship at the time the award is received. Finally, they must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in school, Scouting, and the community. Please help the Youth Committee and our Post by recruiting contestants for the contest. Contact myself, or anyone else on the Youth Committee, if you know of any candidates for this award. Application forms can be obtained online from the National website or just ask any of the Youth Committee members and we

will email you an application immediately. Please be aware, a photograph of the Scout along with a school participation record must accompany the application.

Some other upcoming youth contests are the Continuous Education Scholarship and the Creative Patriotic Art Awards Art Contest. The deadline for the Scholarship contest is 15 February and 31 March for the Art contest. Both are sponsored by the VFW Auxiliary. Last year VFW Auxiliary 7589 was honored to have three students advance to the National level with the Patriotic Art Contest. Virginia's last years' winner placed 8th at the National level. Applications for these programs can also be obtained from the National website or from one of us.

The Awards Ceremony honoring the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year winners for District Eight will be held on 16 February at Post 7728 in Morrisville, Virginia at 1:00 PM. All winners, accompanied by friends and family, will receive their awards and certificates. It was indeed an additional honor for District Eight this year to have the two Department first place winners for Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy. They are Arden Manson and McKenna Christmas, respectively. The quality of the essays and level of talent this year was truly spectacular and we are all so proud of our young contestants participating in our programs.

This is generally a slow period for the Youth Committee during the months of January through March, mainly due to the weather. The only other upcoming event involving youth will be our spring flag retirement ceremony at the Post. It is scheduled for Saturday, 27 April and should be well attended by our area Scouts. More information will be made available as we approach the month of April.

We certainly welcome anyone interested in assisting the Youth Committee. We are grateful to you for whatever assistance you can provide. We need volunteers for our contests, to recruit candidates, help judge the entries, and to participate in the awards ceremonies. We also need volunteers for our flag retirement ceremony and are looking for individuals who can contact and enlist Scout Troops, and who can assist with the actual Flag Retirement Ceremony. We welcome all of our Comrades and Auxiliary members and invite you to join us with our youth programs. Our next youth committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 February at the Post at 7:00 PM. I hope to see you all there. Until next time, stay healthy and productive and I will talk to you all very soon.

With best regards,
Louis Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

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River Stock Farm in Eaton Rapids, MI. The following information is from their website which states: *"It is a place where families left behind by war could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman didn't come home. Today's military and veteran families face different challenges, reintegration, post-traumatic stress, high unemployment and rehabilitation from battlefield injuries, among other – and the National Home has evolved over our decades-long history to meet those changing needs."* If you wish to become a Life Member to the National Home, your application and membership fee of \$50.00 can be forward to VFW National

Home for Children at 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327. Thank you in advance for becoming a member.

As of July 1, 2018, the Auxiliary has collected over \$31,453.40 in coupons for our veterans that are serving overseas. Please assist us in this venture. You may drop your coupons off at the Post or give them to any Post or Auxiliary member. Thank you in advance.

It is with deep sadness to report that after a long battle with cancer, Ms. Gloria Gunnells went to her heavenly home in January. She was a life member of this Auxiliary and the sister to Treasurer Elanor Doczi. Please keep her family and other individuals who are ill and/or

hospitalized in your prayers. Thank you!!

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



Former Post Commander Peter MacLeod named an outstanding volunteer by InterService Club Council (ISCC)

By Paul Chase

Publicity for VFW Post 7589 and the good work it does for the community is important for our success. The annual InterService Club Council (ISCC) Volunteer of the Year Banquet provides our Post a platform from which to showcase how vital our contributions are to multiple worthy causes of interest to influential leaders in the area.

Over 80 senior elected and business officials from Manassas are present at the banquets. Competition for the award is extremely stiff. For the past four years Post 7589 has had four finalists for the award. Comrade Jerry Martin won the award for 2015.

This year Comrade Peter McLeod was our representative. The selection committee was in awe of his multiple accomplishments in view of his full time job as a Federal Employee. Peter's leadership as Commander of Post 7589 has elevated our Post to new and significant levels of service to those in need. He could not have done this without the support and involvement of his loving wife Jean. Congratulations and please accept the heartfelt thanks from the many members of Post 7589 for both you and Jean for all you have done and continue to do.



Paul Chase

Jean & Peter MacLeod

VFW and others visit legislators about charitable gaming

By Rick Raskin

January 24: State Commander Ken Wiseman, State Senior Vice Commander Rick Raskin, State Quartermaster Tom Gimble and Post 9808 Commander Ed Mann along with representatives from several other organizations visited legislators in Richmond to lobby for proposed legislation that would level the playing field between charitable gaming and unregulated gaming in the Commonwealth.

Presently charitable gaming (Bingo and Pull Tabs) is regulated by the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and requires adherence to strict regulation on the number of sessions that can be held and the number of electronic pull tab machines that can be in any one location. There are no such limitations for unregulated gaming.

HB2707 and it's companion SB1527 require the Virginia Charitable Gaming Board to conduct an annual evaluation of the conduct of charitable gaming operations in Virginia. The bill also removes restrictions regarding the number of calendar days that charitable gaming may be conducted at buildings owned by nonprofit entities and raises to four the number of days that such gaming may be conducted in buildings owned by other entities.

We saw those legislators who can best impact the proposed bills and had very productive meetings. The legislation is expected to advance in the House and Senate.



Dylan Bishop/KVCF Solutions

(L-R) State Commander Ken Wiseman, Senator Jeremy McPike, Francisco Johnson (DAV), State SVC Rick Raskin and Ray Bowles (Moose)

Department of Virginia Education Award winners *District 8 winners place 1st in State competition*

Congratulations to District Eight for having the **State first place winners in both Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy!**

-In the Patriot's Pen scholarship competition our **District First Place Winner - Arden Manson, Wakefield School, Post 9835 Warrenton earned first place in the State of Virginia**

-In the Voice of Democracy scholarship competition our **District first place winner - McKenna Christmas, Stafford H.S., Post 3103 Fredericksburg earned first place in the State of Virginia.**

You can hear both of these essays at our District Awards Ceremony on 16 February. Both of these state winners will advance to national level competition.

In accordance with the Department Awards Program: **Post 9835 will be awarded the Larry Mattera Memorial Award** for sponsoring the winning Patriot's Pen entry; and **Post 3103 will be awarded the Clarence E. Kelly Memorial Award** for sponsoring the winning entry in Voice of Democracy. These awards will be awarded at the State Convention.

These significant accomplishments are a testament to our strong youth programs in District Eight, and the superb leadership of our Post Commanders, Post Youth Programs Chairmen, and our District Youth Programs Chairman - Lou Filippone. Special thanks, to all the members of our Selections Boards for their keen eye for quality.

*Geoff Lyster
District 8 Commander*

Finalists learned their placing and presented their essays at the Winter Council banquet

Teachers of the Year also received their awards

Patriot's Pen

FIRST PLACE

Arden Manson

6th grade — sponsored by Post 9835 and the 8th District.

SECOND PLACE

Mary Clymer

8th grade — sponsored by Post 3150 and the 10th District.

THIRD PLACE

Maria Turner

7th grade — sponsored by Post 8467 and the 5th District.

Voice of Democracy

FIRST PLACE

McKenna S. Christmas

Stafford H.S., Stafford, VA
(District 8, Post 3103 Fredericksburg)

SECOND PLACE

Benton P. McFadden

Dinwiddie H.S., Dinwiddie, VA
(District 4, Post 12145)

THIRD PLACE

Olivia G. Boomer

Home schooled, Smithville, VA
(District 2, Post 8545 Smithfield)

Teachers of the Year

K-5 grade level: **Janice E Ricci**

Ocean Lakes Elementary School
Virginia Beach, VA
District 2, Post 4809

6-8 grade level: **Fawn Papastavarou**

Admiral Richard E Byrd Middle School
Winchester, VA
District 7, Post 3123

9-12 grade level: **James W Eccleston**

Gloucester High School
Gloucester, VA
District 1, Post 8252



Arden Manson



McKenna Christmas

Photos: Cathy Graham/Auxiliary 3150

Winter Council of Administration meeting and education awards banquet



District 10 Commander Randy Coker, PP Chair Buddy Weekley and Auxiliary Programs Chair Peggy Schupska present awards to 1st Place PP winner Arden Manson



Keynote speaker Ryan Gallucci, VFW Director of National Veterans Service



McKenna Christmas receives her 1st place VOD award



Resolutions Chair Connie Agresti and Legislative Chair Dan Boyer



State Commander Ken Wiseman and State President Patty Basket



Past National President Dee Guillory addresses the Auxiliary's meeting

New Department raffle offers Henry 30-30s

The Department of Virginia has started selling tickets for the June Gun Raffle at the State Convention. Tickets are \$5 each. First Prize is a Henry 30-30, Second Prize is a Henry 30-30, and Third Prize is a Henry 30-30.

Proceeds from the raffles are used to support various VFW Programs.

Tickets will be available at Post and District meetings. Please be sure to buy your tickets early and often.

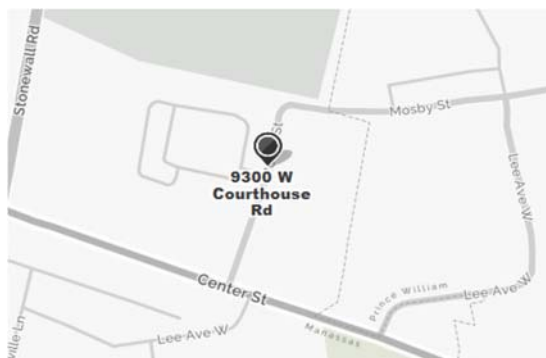


The Department had a very successful Gun Raffle that was drawn on January 12th at the Winter Council where over \$8000 was raised.

Congratulations to Philip Weinberg from Meridian, Mississippi the winner of the Double Barrel 12 Gauge Shotgun; Tommy Gimble from Fredericksburg, Virginia winner of the Henry 30-30 Rifle; and to Delores Boehm from Marion, Virginia winner of the AR 15 Rifle.

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Comrade Joel Chase mails us 5 lbs. of aluminum tabs to support our program

By Paul Chase

Last summer Comrade Joel Chase, former loyal and long term Post 7589 member, moved to Mokena Il (45 minutes south of Chicago) to be near his daughter and his wife's extended family.

He misses the comradeship from Post 7589 members and Bingo group and would like everyone to know he is doing well. He misses the hard charging Post 7589 members who do so much for our veterans and community.

To show his appreciation he mailed us a five pound bag of aluminum can tabs for our tab collection program which is now approaching a grand total of 2 million tabs. The tabs are recycled and the proceeds go to the Shriner's Hospital system to provide cost free medical services to needy children.

Joel: We miss you too and wish you were still here in our community.

SHARE YOUR STORY INSPIRE YOUTH RECORD HISTORY



All World War II, Korean, and Vietnam War Veterans are cordially invited to be a part of *Veterans Of The 20th Century* StoryCorp Project hosted by the 20th Century history class of Charles J. Colgan Senior High School. As part of the event, Veterans will be honored in a brief introductory ceremony, take part in a luncheon, and will be interviewed. Your story will be part of a series of interviews that will be submitted to The Library of Congress Veterans Project.

When: Thursday, March 21st

10:15 AM To 1:30 PM

Where: 13833 Dumfries Rd, Manassas, VA 20112

Please Email ww2outreach@colganhs.com

For More Information and to RSVP.

We Look Forward To Hearing YOUR Story.

Please RSVP by March 1st.

Mentors needed for Veterans' Docket

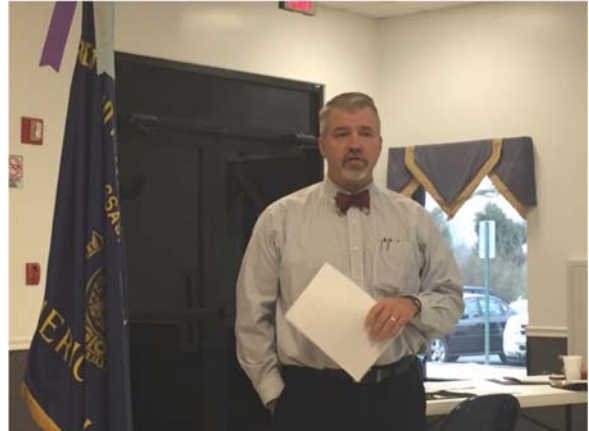
By Jerry Martin

The Prince William County Veterans' docket was developed to give veterans who have been charged with a criminal or serious traffic offense the opportunity to seek and participate in service connected treatment or other services that address service connected issues which led to the current pending charges.

Veterans would be allowed to participate in relevant services prior to final disposition of their charges. The docket is operated on the assumption that meaningful participation in service connected treatment programs will ultimately lead to the best possible outcome of the pending charges. A mentor program staffed by veterans is being developed to help guide participants through the process.

There is a need for veterans to volunteer as mentors. The Veterans' docket is held every 4th Monday at the courthouse in

Manassas around 3:00 PM. Anyone wanting to see how the program works is invited to attend.



Rick Raskin

Judge William E. Jarvis speaks on the Veterans' Docket at American Legion Post 10 on January 19.

Veterans Service Organizations Issue The Independent Budget Policy Agenda for 116th Congress

VA MISSION Act implementation identified as top priority

WASHINGTON (January 17, 2019) — Today, DAV, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States released The Independent Budget Veterans Agenda for the 116th Congress which contains policy recommendations to ensure that the Department of Veterans Affairs remains fully-funded and capable of carrying out its mission to serve veterans and their families both now and in the future. The Independent Budget is a roadmap for the 116th Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Administration to navigate critical veteran issues. It includes detailed recommendations in the areas of benefits, health care, infrastructure, education, employment, training and memorial concerns facing veterans and their families. For over 30 years, the three partnering organizations have co-authored The Independent Budget.

The Independent Budget sets full and faithful implementation of the VA MISSION Act as the critical issue for the 116th Congress. This historic legislation supported by DAV, Paralyzed Veterans of America and VFW, along with more than 30 additional veterans service organizations, reforms the way in which veterans access care in their community, invests in VA's capacity to provide care at its health care facilities, calls for assessment and modernization of VA infrastructure, and corrects the inequity of the VA Caregiver Support Program. The groups see proper implantation of this Act as central to ensuring all enrolled veterans have timely access to quality care and that the VA health care system remains strong.

"One of our key legislative concerns is ensuring that veterans who were exposed to dangerous toxic chemicals and other environment hazards during their service receive full compensation and other earned benefits," said DAV National Commander Dennis R. Nixon. Citing Blue Water Navy veterans exposed to Agent Orange and veterans of all eras and conflicts exposed to burn pits, Nixon added, "It adds insult to serious injury to deny the long-term, adverse health effects that result from these exposures while veterans continue to suffer and die. These benefits are earned through service and it is unjust to require veterans — or their survivors — to sacrifice more after all they have already given for the nation."

Paralyzed Veterans of America focused their efforts on health care review. The organization has a unique perspective from working daily inside all VA Spinal Cord Injury and Disorder centers across the country. "It is imperative to provide veterans better comprehensive mental health care including suicide and substance abuse prevention programs," said David Zurfluh, national president of Paralyzed Veterans of America. "Veterans who are seriously ill also deserve expanded support for their caregivers," Zurfluh added.

"Ensuring veterans are able to achieve their post-military educational goals has never been more important, so the Independent Budget VSOs will hold VA and Congress accountable for the proper implementation of the Forever GI Bill," said VFW National Commander B.J. Lawrence. "We also recognize the need to perpetuate the memory of our fallen and will fight to ensure all veterans have access to memorial benefits that honor their service to America."

The Independent Budget Veterans Agenda is being delivered to VA and Congressional leaders and is now available for the public to read at independentbudget.org.

-VFW-



Virginia Department of Veterans Services



JLC Priorities

Initiative	Recommendation	Tentative Patron
JLC 2019-01 Increased State Active Duty (SAD) Pay	That the Governor and General Assembly appropriate \$50,000 to ensure that all Virginia National Guardsmen are paid at least at the E6 rate.	Del. John Bell (senate in process)
JLC 2019-02 Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income 100% Disabled Veterans	That the Governor and General Assembly approve an individual income tax subtraction for 100% service-connected disabled veterans with a federally adjusted gross income, not exceeding 150% of the federal poverty level for a four-person household, who have not already claimed another exemption.	Del. Jason Miyares (senate in process)
JLC 2019-03 Electronic Ballot Return	That the Governor and General Assembly enact legislation and provide budget support of a pilot program at the Virginia State Board of Elections for \$100,000 and funding for one FTE, for a limited pilot program for the electronic return of absentee ballots by Virginia's deployed military service members.	Del. Steve Landes (senate in process)
JLC 2019-04 Personal Property Tax Relief for Certain Disabled Veterans	That the Governor and General Assembly approve legislation creating a standardized, statewide personal property tax exemption for one vehicle for 100% service-connected, total and permanent disabled veterans.	In process
JLC 2019-05 Free Tuition for Virginia National Guardsmen	That the Governor and General Assembly provide budget support of approximately a \$1 million increase in the annual State Tuition Assistance program for a pilot program to cover the estimated 3.5% of Guardsmen seeking a degree who are not currently completely covered by federal and state tuition assistance.	Sen. Monty Mason (house in process)
JLC 2019-06 VMSDEP	That the Governor and General Assembly remove the requirement that a veteran's disability rating be combat related. Instead, a permanent service-connected disability rating of at least 90%, plus satisfaction of the other requirements currently in the Code, would qualify a veteran's spouse or child for VMSDEP benefits.	In process
JLC 2019-07 Phased-in System for Partial State Tax Exemption for Military Retirement Income	That the Governor and General Assembly support changes to the current Virginia tax laws for a phased in system to reduce state tax on military retirement income up to \$40,000.	Del. Mark Keam (senate in process)

Upcoming Events

2019	
February 4	Executive Meeting 7pm, Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
February 15	Continuing Education Scholarship (Deadline)
February 16	District 8 Meeting 1pm/Southern Fauquier 7728
February 21	Youth Committee 7 PM
March 2-7	VFW Legislative Conference/VOD/PP/Washington, DC
March 4	Executive Meeting 7 PM
March 4	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
March 12	St. Patrick Day Parade (TBD)
March 14-17	National Mid-Year Conference, Tucson, AZ
March 21	Share Your Story — Colgan High School 10:15 AM—1:30 PM— See page 8 Youth Committee 7 PM
March 31	Patriotic Arts (Deadline)
April 2	Executive Meeting 7 PM, Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Election)
April 18	Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM
April 27	Flag Retirement - 9 AM at the Post
April 28	District 8 Convention/Culpeper 2524/12 PM (Election)
April 30	Department Program Reports (Deadline)
May 6	Executive Meeting 7 PM, Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Installation)
May 11	Auxiliary Yard Sale (TBD)
May 16	Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM
May 25-26	Buddy Poppy Drive (TBD)
May 27	Vet Day Activities/8:30 AM – Veteran Memorial 9 AM Manassas Cemetery
June 3	Executive Meeting 7PM, Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Installation)
June 3	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
June 13-16	Department Convention, Portsmouth, VA
June 20	Youth Committee Meeting 7pm
July 1	Executive Meeting 7 PM, Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
July 20-24	National Convention/Orlando, FL

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.

800-313-4200

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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
Denver Riggleman	5th District	202-225-4711
Ben Cline	6th District	202-225-9681
Abigail Spanberger	7th District	202-225-2815
Don Beyer	8th District	202-225-4376
Morgan Griffith	9th District	202-225-3861
Jennifer Wexton	10th District	202-225-5136
Gerry Connolly	11th District	202-225-1492



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS.



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