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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Comrades

State Commander's
Crow's Nest,

1. New Appeals
Process Launched
This Week: On
Tuesday, VFW
Washington Office
Executive Director

Bob Wallace, National Veterans Service Director Ryan Gallucci, Training & Quality Assurance Manager Lauren Barefoot, and Retired National Veterans Service Director Jerry Manar joined senior VA officials at VA central office for the kickoff of the new and improved appeals process. Starting this week, all veterans who disagree with their VA rating decision will have three new options to resolve their benefit disputes: request a higher-level review from a more experienced person, submit a supplemental claim with additional evidence, or appeal directly to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. Over the past four years, Mr. Manar and Ms. Barefoot have represented the VFW in negotiations with Congress, VA, and other veterans' organizations to craft this new framework. The goal of the new process is to offer veterans greater flexibility and transparency to resolve benefit disputes in a timely manner, instead of waiting years for VA to adjudicate their appeals. The VFW will monitor the implementation and work with VA to resolve any issues that come up. For assistance appealing a decision on your benefits claim, contact a highly trained and accredited VFW Service Officer.

2. Bill to Increase Veterans in Infrastructure Introduced: Senators Gary Peters and John Cornyn recently introduced S. 492, the Disabled-Veterans Rebuilding Infrastructure to Vitalize our Economy (DRIVE) Act, which would create a goal that five percent of the federal funding for infrastructure projects be granted to service-connected disabled veteran owned small businesses (SDVOSBs). The VFW-supported DRIVE Act would increase SDVOSB's ability to compete for infrastructure contract.

3. VA to Implement Appeals Modernization Act Next Week: Beginning Feb. 19, all veterans who disagree with their VA rating decision will have three new options to resolve their benefit dispute: request a higher-level review from a more experienced person, submit a supplemental claim with additional evidence, or appeal directly to the Board of Veterans' Appeals. Over the past two years, the VFW worked closely with VA and other veterans' organizations to craft this new framework, which was authorized by the VFW-supported Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017. The goal of the new system is to offer veterans greater flexibility and transparency to resolve benefit disputes in a timely manner, instead of waiting years for VA to adjudicate their appeals. Read more about appeals modernization. For assistance appealing a decision on your benefits claim, contact a highly trained and accredited VFW service officer.

4. VA to Implement High Tech Training Program: In anticipation of launching the Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET TEC) program in April, VA is seeking training providers to help implement this new training course. The VET TEC program will provide training on information technology, computer software, information science, media application, data processing and computer programming fields. The VET TEC program was part of the VFW-supported Forever GI Bill that made sweeping reforms to education and training programs for veterans. Learn more or apply for the VET TEC program.

5. VA to Receive Three New Fisher Houses: VA announced yesterday that it is scheduled to receive three new buildings from the Fisher House Foundation. The new facilities will be in Ann Arbor, Mich., Aurora, Colo., and Omaha, Neb. The Fisher House Foundation donates housing facilities to VA and the military to act as a "home away from home" for active duty military, veterans, and their families when receiving treatment at a VA medical facility or major military installation. These facilities are located within walking distance from treatment facilities and provide cost-free housing. Currently, there

are 80 Fisher Houses around the world — 38 are located next to VA facilities. An expansion from 38 to 64 is planned over the next few years. Read more about VA Fisher Houses.

6. WASHINGTON (February 14, 2019) — In advance of the Administration's budget request for fiscal year 2020 and advance appropriations for FY 2021, the three coauthors of The Independent Budget (IB) — Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S., Disabled American Veterans, and Paralyzed Veterans of America — today recommend a total of \$103.3 billion to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs begins to fully and faithfully implement the VA MISSION Act of 2018, make needed improvements, and is able to timely deliver benefits and services to wounded, ill and injured veterans, their families and survivors. This is the first time the IB's recommended budget has topped the \$100 billion mark and represents a 17 percent increase over current FY 2019 funding.

Implementing the VA MISSION Act this fiscal year will require significantly more resources than have been provided through regular appropriations and is the main reason why medical care appropriations for FYs 2020 and 2021 need to be increased. The law, which changes how VA provides health services for veterans in the community, is projected to increase veterans' enrollment in the VA health care system and increase veterans' utilization and reliance on VA as a direct provider of care.

Other highlights from The Independent Budget funding recommendations for FY 2020 include:

\$70 billion for veteran's medical care funding, a \$3.5 billion increase over FY 2019;

\$18 billion for medical community care funding, nearly doubling the FY 2019 appropriation;

\$6.1 billion for information technology (IT), \$1 billion more than FY 2019 funding level; and

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

Our condolences go out to the families of Ms. Gloria Gunnells (life member) and Mr. John Alvarez (Jennifer Torres' grandfather) for the loss of their loved ones. Ms. Gunnells went to her heavenly home on January 24th and Mr. Alvarez on February 11th. If there is anything you need or we can assist you with, please let us know.



For an Auxiliary member who passes, the Auxiliary presents the family with a Bible. Per the request from Ms. Gunnells' family, we presented Gloria's granddaughter with the Bible while she was sitting in her grandmother's rocking chair.



The VFW Legislative Conference will be held on March 2-7 in Washington, DC. The Parade of the Voice of Democracy winners will be on

Monday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. Participants are the VOD student winners escorted by their Department Commanders and Presidents. The recipients receive their National awards from Commander-in-Chief B.J. Lawrence and National President Sandi Kriebel.

We have four months left in the 2018-2019 VFW Auxiliary year and still have a lot of events planned. On the National level, the National Mid-Year Conference will be in Tucson, AZ on March 14-17. Since the National Secretary/Treasurer Jan Passmore resigned her position due to her very ill husband, the National Council will be electing and installing a replacement.

We are looking forward to the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest. The deadline for this contest is March



31st. Along with the addition of the three-dimensional art to the contest, the National prizes for the top three place winners was also increased. In years past, the two-dimensional art must be on canvas or paper (watercolor, pencil, pastel, charcoal, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen ink, oil marker or other media taught). The three-dimensional art can be paper, papier-mâché, pottery, clay, metal work, fabric, etc. This three-dimensional art cannot be more than 5 lbs. in weight. Digital art, photography and jewelry are NOT ACCEPTED. 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.

The National President Sandy Kriebel will be visiting our Department on April 14-16 in the Roanoke area. After the Department members meet and greet her at the airport, she will start her visit at the Dixie Caverns and have dinner hosted by Lord Botetourt Auxiliary 1841. On Monday, her visit includes lunch at Irvin L. Manning Auxiliary 1264 and a visit to the National D-Day Memorial. Concluding her day of activities will be a dinner at Liberty Station with Department members. She will end her visit on Tuesday morning April 16th. The deadline for the reservations at the Hyatt Place Roanoke is April 2nd. Phone number is 540/366-4700.

The election for new 7589 Auxiliary officers is scheduled for April 8th. Please consider taking a position in your Auxiliary. Remember, if you wish to hold a position and cannot attend the meeting, please provide us with documentation of the preferred position. Thank you for all you do for this Auxiliary. It is greatly appreciated. The 8th District Convention will be April 28th at Culpeper Post 2524. Lunch will be served at noon with the joint meeting at 1pm. Please bring a gift for the raffle to assist the Veterans & Family Support for the District. On the agenda will be

elections for the 2019-2020 District officers.

The Youth Committee is planning a flag retirement at the Post on April 27th at 9:00am. We will have instruction on the retirement of flags. Please come and assist in the event. Thank you in advance.

Francis Cannon Post 7589 will host a dinner at the May 6th monthly meeting for their members. The dinner will start at 6:00pm before the regular meeting. This meeting will also be the installation of new Officers for the 2019-2020 year. Please come and join in the gathering.



The Veterans' Voices Writing Project is going well. We had an anonymous individual who submitted an article and we wish to thank him for his input. We are working with veterans to assist them in writing articles for the Veterans' Voices magazine. This project is over 70 years old and is devoted exclusively to the writings of military veterans. If any Post members would like to participate, please let us know. We would love to see your articles published in the Veterans' Voices.



For the past eight years, we have participated in the Buddy Poppy display contest. It's that time again when we are planning a get together session for ideas

and we would love to have your input and participation. Whatever is decided, there is a lot of prep to the Buddy Poppies and putting the display together. Our Buddy Poppy display must be completed by the June Department Convention. Last year our display in the artistic or decorative category placed first in the Department and third at National.

The Department Convention will be held at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel in Portsmouth, VA on June 13-16. If you plan to attend, please make your

Youth News & Notes



Lou Filippone

A big welcome as usual to everyone from the Youth Committee. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 21 February at Post 7589. Those in attendance were Comrade Kelly Williams, Auxiliary President Mary

Corkhill, and myself. The main topics of discussion are listed as follows.

February was a memorable month for us at the District Eight level. On 16 February we held our Youth Awards Ceremony for our Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year District Winners. We had an amazing turnout with 100% representation from the award winners with their families and guests. It was standing room only as the winners were recognized and received their awards. As mentioned, in the last newsletter, both first place District winners are now in the running at the National level. They are Arden Manson, for Patriot's Pen, and McKenna Christmas for Voice of Democracy. If McKenna Christmas wins first place she will receive a \$30,000 scholarship. We wish them good luck.

We are currently rounding up our applications for the Scout of the Year Contest and hope to announce our Post Scout of the Year award winner to the membership shortly. Remember this award recognizes Scouts who are recipients 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. They also must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in

school, Scouting, and the community. We will keep you posted on the contest results.

We are also helping recruit applicants for the Patriotic Art Contest conducted by our Post Auxiliary. The deadline for the contest is 31 March. Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill would be thrilled to accept any student applicants you may have for her. The contest enables high school students to express their patriotic views through art. The main restrictions are that digital art and photography are not accepted and artwork should not be framed. The other restrictions are listed on the application. Students must be in grades 9-12 and home schooled students are also eligible. The National Scholarship awards are considerable and have recently been increased substantially. Please help us recruit students for our contest.

Our next Flag Retirement Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, 27 April at the Post starting at 9:00 AM. We are just now notifying area Scout units for this event. The program for this ceremony will follow the convention established for previous ceremonies. After a welcome and introduction, a class on flag etiquette will be conducted. The ceremony will culminate in the actual flag retirement as we solemnly burn the retired flags and will be concluded with refreshments. As always we are hopeful for cooperative weather, and would certainly welcome any volunteers from our Post and Auxiliary membership. If you feel inclined to participate in this wonderful event just tell me or any of the other Youth Committee members. We would greatly appreciate any contribution you could make.

There has been some discussion about the upcoming merger between our Post and Post 1811. As you may know Post 1811 has a robust and active Scouting program. My thoughts as the Youth Committee chair were to reestablish a Scouting program for our Post. With the upcoming merger this would not be necessary since we would

incorporate Post 1811's Scouting program into our Post. I will have more information for you on this as the merger progresses. It is actually one of the merger requests, as stated by Post 1811, to continue their existing Scouting program with us after the merger. This would be a positive situation for both Posts and for the Scout Troops who participate. When all this transpires we may want to consider a welcoming event for the new Post Members and Scouts. Please let me know your thoughts about this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who participate and help with our Youth Committee. This includes all Comrades and Auxiliary members. Two people I would like to give special recognition this month are Jennifer Torres and Francine Filippone. Jennifer is a Life Auxiliary Member and is also the office manager in my orthodontic practice. Francine is also a Life Auxiliary Member and my wife. Their efforts and dedication go unrecognized. They both are indispensable and enable me to function as your Youth Committee Chairperson while maintaining my orthodontic practice. They are responsible for all the correspondence, application distribution and collection with the area schools for our essay contests and teacher programs, along with Past Commander Peter MacLeod. I have been remiss in giving them both their due credit and recognition. Thank you Jennifer and Francine for a job well done!

Our next Youth Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, 21 March at the Post starting at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you all there. Please stay healthy and productive with our VFW.

With best regards,

Louis Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

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\$2.7 billion for VA major and minor construction programs to repair, renovate, expand and replace VA’s aging infrastructure, a \$1.8 billion increase over FY 2019.

“We appreciate that Congress remains committed to doing the right thing and has continued to provide increases in appropriations dollars,” the three IB coauthors state. “However, the serious access problems in the health care system identified in 2014, and the enactment of the VA MISSION Act to provide greater access to community care through an integrated, high performing network, as well as improve and expand other VA programs and services — has created a financial obligation that, absent sufficient resources to fully and faithfully enact this

legislation, could erode efforts to reform and modernize the VA health care system.”

The IB recommends \$18.1 billion for the Medical Community Care account for FY 2020, which includes \$8.5 billion to meet related requirements in the VA MISSION Act, including replacing the Veterans Choice Program with the new Veterans Community Care Program by the start of FY 2020, and implementing the new Urgent Care benefit and Veteran Care agreements.

Additionally, the IB is calling for a \$1 billion increase in IT funding over FY 2019, citing concerns with VA’s ability to deliver timely, effective and efficient IT solutions that can sustain current operations delivering benefits and services to veterans, support continuous

improvements in benefits and services to veterans, and facilitate initiatives that position the agency to be on the leading edge of technology to care for our nation’s veterans, their families and survivors.

Finally, the IB recommends \$2.8 billion for VA’s major construction programs, including \$1 billion to remedy critical seismic deficiencies. To view the full budget report, please visit independentbudget.org.

The previous articles are synopsis from ACTION CORPS Weekly and provided by our State Commander, Ken Wiseman for widest dissemination among VFW members. At the end of each article is a link for more detailed information on topics herein.

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reservations directly to the hotel at 757/673-3000. Room rate (Single/Double) is \$127.00 + tax. Deadline for reservations is May 13. CHECK-IN TIME is 4:00 pm. The group name is “VFW Department of Virginia Annual Convention” for the VFW rate. This Department annual year-end event celebrates the achievements of both the Posts & Auxiliaries by presenting awards for the 2018-19 year.

I would like to thank everyone for participating in our coupon campaign. The donated coupons are sent to our

Veterans overseas and are good for six months after the expiration date here in the US. This coupon drive helps our Veterans save funds while they are away from home.

The VFW National Home for Children was founded in 1925 in Eaton Rapids, Michigan as a place where families left behind by war could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their serviceman didn’t come home. They offer case management services to help families establish their plans for the future and set goals, education, recreational, and enrichment opportunities for parents and

their children, as well as free housing and daycare. This Auxiliary is a Life Member of the National Home and we invite you to join this organization as well. It is only \$50.00 for a life membership.

As always, for all individuals who lost loved ones, and any individual or family member who is ill or hospitalized, please keep them in your prayers.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



District 8 raffle — win a Life or Legacy Life membership

District Eight is holding a fundraising raffle. The tickets are only five dollars each and the winner will receive a VFW Life Membership, a Legacy Life Membership, or an upgrade in Legacy Life status (bronze to silver; silver to gold, etc.) up to \$400.00.

Tickets are available from District Eight Post Commanders.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the District Eight Convention on April 28, 2019 at Post 2524 Culpeper. Winners need not be present to win.

Support your District and the VFW while you generate new Legacy/Life members!



Past Post Commander Peter MacLeod recognized at City Hall ceremony

By Paul Chase



Dave Mather / Freedom Museum

Former Post Commander (2016-2018) Peter MacLeod was recognized on February 11, 2019 at a ceremony in Manassas City Hall by the Mayor and City Managers for his outstanding volunteer services to the community.

As Commander of VFW Post 7589, Comrade MacLeod led the Post to new levels of service to veterans, the needy and support for the community.

The annual outstanding volunteer of the year award, for which Comrade MacLeod was a finalist, is sponsored by the Manassas InterService Club Council (ISCC).

Former Post 7589 Commander Norb Beville passes

Former Post 7589 Commander Norborne Beville (1989—1991) passed away on February 19 at the age of 78.

Memorial service March 23 11:00 AM
Trinity Episcopal Church
9325 West Street, Manassas, Virginia
RSVP to Lee at leebcarlton@gmail.com



Photo from 1999-2000 Post 7589 Community Service Book

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.



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

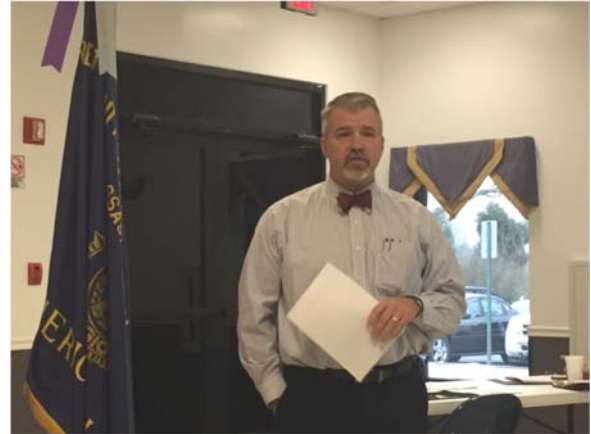
By Jerry Martin

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.



-Day Memorial in Bedford, Virginia will observe the 75th Anniversary with six days of ceremonies, displays, interviews, and much more.

For schedule of events and additional information visit: <https://www.dday.org/75th/#schedule>

On June 6, 1944 Bedford, Virginia lost 20 of the 32 sons it sent to the invasion of Normandy, a devastating blow to the tiny community of just over 3,200 souls. Over time, grief gave rise to solemn pride and deep commitment to ensuring the story of D-Day and its costs and consequences were not lost on future generations. That commitment, along with the distinction of sustaining the highest per capita D-Day losses, placed the monument to D-Day here rather than elsewhere in the country. Dedicated in 2001 with some 24,000 in attendance, the Memorial has since hosted hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the globe.

The Memorial's motto – "Commemorating Their Valor, Fidelity, and Sacrifice" – places education squarely at the center of its mission and "The Final Salute," the 75th anniversary of D-Day, promises to be the Memorial's biggest educational undertaking yet, and its largest event since the national dedication in 2001.

"The Final Salute" combines the best of the Memorial with the best of the D-Day story: a gathering of veterans and the general public at the nation's memorial to the invasion of Normandy for reflection and remembrance – the story of ordinary people in extraordinary moments.

June 6, 2019 marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, a milestone that is expected to represent the last large gathering of D-Day veterans around the globe. The youngest D-Day vets are in their middle-90s; a few more years will find the last of them gone from us. To mark this milestone and take advantage of the opportunities for discussion and commemoration it presents, the National D



<https://www.virginiawwiandwwii.org/dday75>



Ralph Pyle (left) with Gen. John O'Daniel at a photo lab in Korea during the war.

Veterans History Project

VHP Web Feature Explores Impact of GI Bill

The Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP) last week launched "The GI Bill: 75 Years of Opportunity," an online Experiencing War website feature that explores the impact of the GI Bill on 15 veterans interviewed for the VHP collection.

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, colloquially known as the GI Bill, was a landmark piece of legislation that offered educational benefits, low-cost mortgages, low-interest business loans and unemployment benefits to returning World War II veterans.

In the 75 years since its passage, the transformative potential of the GI Bill has continued – the legislation has provided economic and educational opportunities to generations of veterans.

One veteran highlighted in "The GI Bill: 75 Years of Opportunity," is John William Warner, former Secretary of the Navy and former five-term senator from Virginia. As both a World War II Navy veteran and a Korean war Marine Corps veteran, Warner used the GI Bill to earn his college and law school degrees. During his 2005 VHP oral history interview, he credits this revolutionary legislation

for his political success, saying, "If it hadn't been for [his military training] and the GI Bill, I wouldn't be sitting here in the United States Senate today. It's as simple as that."

Two months and 17 days after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Missouri native Kara Ann Kittrell joined the Army, hoping to be deployed to Iraq, where she could do her part on behalf of her country. After serving, Kittrell went on to use the GI Bill to earn a degree in international business.

Another collection tells the story of Ralph Pyle, a World War II veteran who also served as a Signal Corps photographer during the Korean war. Pyle purchased a home using the GI Bill and also obtained his pilot's license.

"The GI Bill: 75 Years of Opportunity" is available online at loc.gov/vets/stories/ex-war-gi-bill.html.

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS GAZETTE February 15, 2019

FREE | (SAT, March 21, 3:00 PM)
We Stand Ready: A Tribute to the Modern American Soldier

by The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own"



This musical tribute to the post-9/11 veteran will be inside of Conmy Hall, the large indoor parade field on historic Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, VA.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Doors will open at 1 hour prior to show time.
2. Duration: This show will last approximately 90 minutes with NO intermission.

Venue: Conmy Hall on the Fort Myer side of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in Arlington, VA

INSTALLATION SECURITY PROTOCOL

Due to increased security procedures on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, here are some instructions that should help ease your access onto the installation:

- The driver and all passengers (18+) must have a photo ID.
- If you have a Department of Defense ID (CAC, retiree, or dependent card) you may enter via the **Henderson Hall (Gate 1)** or **Wright Gate** (near Iwo Jima).
- Everyone may enter through the **Hatfield Gate** with valid photo ID. Please allow extra time to clear security.

Your entire party may not be allowed to enter JBM-HH if one or more of you does not have a valid photo ID.

TICKETING

All seating is General Admission, which means that none of these tickets is for an assigned seat. Patrons with tickets are seated on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 1 hour prior to show time; we ask that you are in your seats no later than 2:45 p.m. at which time, if you have a DoD ID, patrons may walk-in without a ticket if there are seats available.

VENUE and PARKING

Located on the Fort Myer side of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH), Conmy Hall is the indoor parade facility where many important military ceremonies and awards are presented. Please look at this map [click for map](#) to see its proximity to the large public parking lot (free) that is located directly across the street from Brucker Hall.

- There is plenty of free parking in the lot across from Brucker Hall, just a short walk to Conmy Hall.

Patrons for whom walking is a challenge may be dropped off in front of Conmy Hall.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

If someone in your party needs sign-language accommodations or is in a wheelchair, please contact Army Band Public Affairs Office at 703-696-3718 or email: victoria.d.chamberlin.mil@mail.mil no later than March 19.

Upcoming Events

2019	
March 2-7	VFW Legislative Conference/VOD/PP/Washington, DC
March 4	Executive Meeting 7 PM, Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Nominations for 2019-2020 Officers)
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 (Elections)
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 (Installations)
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
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.

A Great Place to Call Home!

800-313-4200

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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
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