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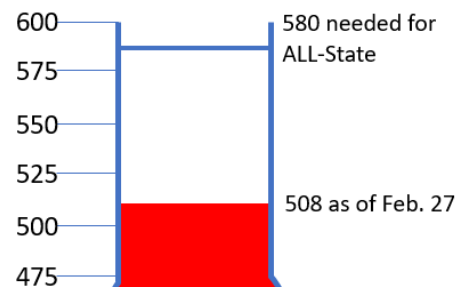
PETE MACLEOD / POST 7589

Eagle Scout candidate Jack Chong with his flag disposal box. [See Page 4](#)

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Synopsis of People of Color in the U.S. Military

The participation of Americans of African descent in the U.S. military has a long and distinguished history over the last 400 plus years. It is important to recognize their contributions in keeping America free and safe. Enduring oppressive military hardships in service to country and selves, has offered some benefits in means of economic, social, and political

advancement. Although African Americans have participated in all American wars, they have sometimes faced almost as bitter hostility from their fellow Americans as from the enemy. I honor all veterans, but I would be totally ignorant in believing all things were equal. Negroes, Blacks, or African Americans continue the struggle to navigate the American way.

Negroes, Blacks, and African Americans (distinctions) served the U.S. military in every war the U.S. has fought. Formalized discrimination against people of color who have served in the U.S. military lasted from its creation during the Revolutionary War to the present despite President Harry S. Truman's Executive Order 9981 in 1948 attempt to put an end to segregation. Although desegregation within the U.S. military was legally established full integration of Negroes, Blacks, and African American servicemen were not established until 1950 for the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force and not until 1953 for the U.S. Army.

Revolutionary War

People of Color served on both sides of the war in the capacity of both fighting men and slaves. While the northern states had opened up their state militias to freed slaves, it was forbidden in the south to arm slaves as the southern planters feared the worst from their former slaves. George Washington lifted the ban on Black enlistment in the Continental Army in January 1776. All-Black units were formed in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and many of those enrolled were slaves promised freedom for serving. At least 5,000 [Negro](#) soldiers fought as revolutionaries.

War of 1812

While whites still did not particularly like the idea of arming Blacks during the war, many of the sailors in the U.S. Navy were Black. In fact, during the Battle of Lake Erie African-Americans made up about one-quarter of the personnel in the American naval squadrons. While they served faithfully in the Navy, they were not allowed to serve in the Army. Naval service, often unpopular and unable to obtain sufficient seamen, never bothered with any restrictions. Shipyard commandants employed slaves as seamen, due to willingness to work for less than the wages being paid to white seamen.

Civil War

The Civil War was no doubt the pivotal moment in deciding the fate of Negro slaves. A Union victory would mean a swift end
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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

I just returned from Honolulu, HI where I attended two events, the CAFÉ (Celebrating America's Freedom Event) and the Mid-Year Conference. The CAFÉ was held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific and was the most moving and emotional event that I have attended. The Mid-Year Conference gave the attendees insight on programs and what was required from the National Ambassadors.

The VFW Legislative Conference runs from February 29th to March 5th in Washington, DC. On Monday, March 2nd, the Department Commanders and Presidents will escort their Voice of Democracy recipients to the Commander-in-Chief William J. "Doc" Schmitz and National President Peggy Haake for their National awards.

We are promoting two art contests for the Youth. The Illustrating America is for K-8 and Young American Creative Patriotic Art is for high school students. The deadline for both contests is March 31st. If you know of any one who would like to participate in one of these contests, please let any Post and/or Auxiliary member know or contact me at 703/361-8950 or mcorkhill@comcast.net.

Just a reminder of the election for the 2020-2021 Auxiliary officers is scheduled for April 6th. Remember, if you wish to hold a position and cannot attend the meeting, please provide us with documentation of the preferred position. The 8th District Convention will be April 26th at Culpeper Post 2524 and will also be the election for the 2020-2021 officers. 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.

Francis Cannon Post 7589 will host a dinner at the May 4th 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 2020-2021 year. Please come and join in the gathering.

The Auxiliary had another article for The Veterans' Voices Writing Project. This magazine 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 are planning a get together to assemble the Buddy Poppy display. More information is forthcoming. Our Buddy Poppy display must be completed by the June Department Convention.

The Department Convention will be held at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel in Portsmouth, VA on June 11th-14th. If you plan to attend, please make your reservations directly to the hotel at 757/673-3000. Room rate (Single/Double) is \$131.00 +

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to the institution of slavery. A victory for the Confederacy would continue the institution of slavery. On July 17, 1862, Congress passed two acts allowing the enlistment of the Negro. However, official enrollment occurred only after September 1862. From the moment they donned the uniforms of the Union, Negroes proved themselves to be invaluable troops and they exceeded all expectations.

However, fears and prejudices hindered their employment on the battlefield until October 1862 when the Negro soldiers of the 1st Kansas Colored Volunteers silenced their critics by repulsing Confederate guerrillas at the skirmish at Island Mound, Missouri.

Although Black soldiers proved themselves as reputable, discrimination in pay and other areas remained widespread. The Militia Act of 1862 stated that soldiers of African descent were to receive \$10.00 a month, with an optional deduction for clothing at \$3.00. In contrast, white privates received \$13.00 per month plus a clothing allowance of \$3.50.

John H. Conyers was the first Negro midshipman of the Naval Academy in September of 1872 and was subjected to severe ongoing hazing, verbal torment, shunning, and beatings. His classmates even attempted to drown him, among other abuses.

Philippine-American War

After the Treaty of Paris, the islands of the Philippines became a colony of the United States. The U.S. started to send soldiers into the islands, which was met with opposition. The Philippines had just ousted their former Spanish rulers and refused U.S. colonization. In what would be known as the Philippine-American War, the U.S. military also sent colored regiments and units to stop the insurrection. However, due to the discrimination of Negro soldiers, many of them defected to the Philippine Army. Because of the American forces derogatory treatment and view of the Filipino occupational resistance, many were frequently referred to as "niggers" and "gugus".

World War I

Over 350,000 Negroes joined a segregated military in defense of the United States. White officers expressed fear and doubt in training and arming them with weapons. So, the Negroes were relegated to support tasks.

Interwar period

The Navy's racial segregation policies limited African Americans' participation in World War I and, after the war, barred Black enlistments altogether from 1919 to 1932. In 1932 Blacks were allowed to serve on U.S. Navy ships as stewards and mess attendants.

World War II

During World War II, Negroes or Blacks enlistment was at an all-time high, with more than 1 million including Negro women serving in the armed forces. However, the U.S. military was still heavily segregated. The Marines had no Blacks enlisted in combat infantry. There were Blacks in the Navy Seabees and the United States Air Force (Tuskegee Airmen). The Army had only five Negro/Black officers. No Negroes/Blacks or African-Americans would receive the Medal of Honor during any of those wars.

*It would take over 50 years and a presidential order before the

U.S. Army reviewed their records in order to award any Medals of Honor to Negro or Black soldiers.

Korean War

(1950–1953) America's first attempt to effectively integrate the services. In the Army and Marines Negroes and Whites fought, side by side, ate in the same mess and slept in the same barracks. However, the Officer corps remained largely White as Marine, Air Force and Navy combined for 1% of Negro officers.

Vietnam War

Saw the highest proportion of Blacks ever to serve in an American war (1965-73). The majority of these were in the infantry, with the percentage of Black combat fatalities in that period a staggering 14.9%.

In 1973, the draft ended leading to an All-Volunteer Force (AVF) with a disproportionate number of Negroes, Blacks and African Americans. By 1983, Blacks represented 33 percent of the Army, 22 percent of the Marine Corps, 14 percent of the Air Force, and 12 percent of the Navy. Black senior NCOs in the Army increased from 14 percent in 1970 to 26 percent in 1980, and 31 percent in 1990. Blacks also increased in the officer corps; by 1983, the Army had almost 10 percent, the Air Force 5 percent, the Marine Corps 4 percent, and the Navy 3 percent.

The Gulf and beyond

In 1977, Clifford Alexander was appointed the first Black Secretary of the Army, and in 1989, Army Gen. Colin Powell was appointed the first Black chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the head of the uniformed services. Powell oversaw the Persian Gulf War of 1991, in which 24 percent of the 500,000 U.S. service people deployed to the Middle East (30 percent of the soldiers) were Americans of African descent. Significant percentages of African American troops also participated in peacekeeping operations in Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo in the 1990s.

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tax. Deadline for reservations is May 11th. 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 2019-2020 year.

The VFW National Home for Children is a place where families left behind by war can remain together. 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. It is only \$50.00 to become a Life Member.

There are several individuals who have lost loved ones and are facing medical issues. Please keep them in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



Lou Filippone

Youth News & Notes

We at the Youth Committee hope everyone is having a healthy winter season this year. This has been an exceptionally mild and warm winter, but unfortunately one filled with a prevalence of colds and flus. The good news is spring is around the corner with warmer and healthier conditions.

We held our last meeting on Thursday, 20 February 2020 at the Post at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex Bleim, Peter

MacLeod, Dave Mattingly and myself. Our first topic of discussion was the ongoing

Scout of the Year contest. With a 1 March Post deadline for entries last minute arrangements were discussed to round up as many applications as possible. One complete application packet was submitted by Alex and Tina Bliem from an Eagle Scout they recruited and they are currently assisting another Eagle Scout with his application submission. Jennifer Torres, my office manager and Auxiliary member, is in contact with one of our orthodontic patients who just made Eagle Scout. He should be completing his application packet and submitting it very shortly which would enable our Post to have as many as three candidates in the contest this year. I will be announcing judging dates for both the Post and District Scout of the Year very shortly. At this time we anticipate as many as two applications from Post 9835 in Warrenton. No Scout of the Year activity has been reported from any of the remaining three posts in District Eight. All Post and District judging must be completed, and the winner forwarded to the Department, no later than 1 April. The National deadline for submitting Department winners is 1 May and as usual Virginia should have a strong candidate representing us because of its active Scouting programs.

On another topic, but related to Scouting, Post 7589 was recently presented with a flag retirement receptacle which was custom built by Boy Scout Jack Chong from Troop 761 in Ashburn, Virginia. Jack built two of these receptacles out of plywood and donated one to Meadows Farms in Loudoun County and the second one to Post 7589 in Manassas. This was Jack's Eagle Scout project and he is currently awaiting his Eagle Scout review and award. The flag retirement receptacle can be seen outside the Post near the entrance at the front of the building. It is well constructed, and beautifully painted and decorated, and holds six times as many flags as the previous container. Jack built it from materials heavily discounted and donated from the Home Depot in Chantilly, Virginia. He presented it to Commander Wayne Moore, Comrade Peter MacLeod and myself on Saturday, 8 February at the Post and was accompanied by his parents and sister Sophia. His father, Colonel John Chong, is on active duty at the Pentagon with the United States Air Force.

I will be announcing our next Flag Retirement Ceremony very shortly. It will be held sometime in April or May and will include several local area Scouting Units including Troop 1372 from our Post. Please let me know if any of you are interested in participating in either the Scout of the Year judging or the Flag Retirement Ceremony. Any help and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

District Eight recently held our Annual Education Awards Ceremony on Saturday, 22 February at the District meeting. I am pleased to say all nine winners and guests, totaling 38 persons, attended. District winners from Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year were

recognized. The ceremony followed a luncheon hosted by Post 7728 in Morrisville. Certificates and thousands of dollars in scholarships were awarded. The awards were presented by District Commander Charles Bush and myself on behalf of District Eight. It was a wonderful ceremony for all the attendees, especially the winners and their families.

Just a reminder about the Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the Post Auxiliary. Art entries from students with patriotic themes are judged and awards are provided. The deadline for the contest is 31 March for the Post level. Entrants compete for scholarship prizes from Post to National level. Please contact Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill regarding any student interested in entering.

I would like to thank Comrade Peter MacLeod for all he does with the Youth Committee. Peter and his wife, Jean, just recently sent certificates and pens to all the participants in this year's Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Programs. In addition, he chronicled Scout Jack Chong's flag retirement receptacle presentation to our Post. Peter also provided me with condensed essays for the District Eight Education Awards Ceremony which I hosted. I would also like to give a big thank you to Senior Vice Commander Ron Link who as District Eight Quartermaster provided the certificates and checks for the awards ceremony. And, as usual, I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the Youth Committee and the Auxiliary who volunteer their time and energy helping us accomplish our mission mentoring and serving our youth.

This spring we will be participating in our annual JROTC and Civil Air Patrol Awards Ceremonies. Hopefully we can reach out to a few more programs in addition to the four that we currently sponsor. As information becomes available, regarding these upcoming events, I will provide it to you. Again, if any Comrades are interested in participating in these events please contact me and you will be included in the scheduled activities.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19 March 2020 at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us and reap the rewards of mentoring our youth through the VFW.

With best regards,
Louis Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

The Virginia legislature looks poised to pass the ballot initiative to allow a 100% disabled veteran to have a car tax free across the Dominion.

Currently, it varies county to county (some allow it and some don't.) The next newsletter will have a comprehensive list of all legislation that passed supporting veterans in Virginia.

District 8 Educational Awards — February 22



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

A capacity crowd gathered at Morrisville Post 7728 for the awards ceremony.



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

Master of Ceremonies — Youth Chair Lou Filippone .



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

VOD 1st Place — Celeste A. Pollack (12th grade, Fauquier High School)



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

First Place PP Andrew Hensley of Reagan Middle School



PETE MACLEOD / POST 7589

District Teacher of the Year award recipients: Matthew Walker of Taylor Middle School, Arlene Thorpe of Bradley Elementary School and JROTC Instructor Darrick Williams of Osbourn Park HS.



MICHAEL STYLIANOS / POST 7728

District VOD Award recipients and their families, Jenascia Armstrong of Hylton HS, Celeste Pollack of Fauquier HS and Lauren Bradshaw, Home Schooled, Centreville.

National Auxiliary President Peggy Haake's Homecoming

Photos by Mary Corkhill / Auxiliary 7589

**CAFÉ (Celebrating America's Freedom Event)
National Cemetery of the Pacific
Honolulu, Hawaii
February 20**



VFW Commander in Chief Doc Schmitz and Department of Virginia President Marcia Semones



**Council Meeting
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
February 21, 2020**

Doc Schmitz and Peggy Haake



Marcia's adult beverage



Auxiliary members from Virginia

**Ala'aina Luau
Coconut Grove
Royal Hawaiian Hotel
February 23, 2020**



**Pearl Harbor
USS Arizona
February 24, 2020**



From Senator Mark Warner

Dear Friend,

Recently, I was honored to present U.S. Army Major General Phillip Churn of Woodbridge, VA with the Legion of Merit – a military award given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.



Major General Churn earned this medal more than five years ago but ran into trouble having it awarded after moving on to his next assignment. That's when he reached out to my office, and with the help of my staff, we were able to

jump through the right bureaucratic hoops and make sure that Major General Churn received his well-earned award. You can watch the ceremony in the video [at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-LS7sLMq10&feature=youtu.be>].

As Senator, my first priority is serving folks across the Commonwealth, especially our men and women in uniform, as well as veterans who have proudly served our country. Oftentimes, that means cutting through the red tape or intervening on their behalf when they need assistance.

If you or a veteran or service member you know needs help with a federal agency, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 540-857-2676 or [visiting <https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/helpwithfederalagencies>]

I couldn't agree more with the advice Major General Churn offers in that video to his fellow veterans and service members: you've earned your benefits and honors through service to our country, so reach out to your representatives if you're experiencing a problem with the military or VA bureaucracy. My team and I stand ready to assist you however we can.

If you want to share your thoughts about an issue that's important to you, you can send me an email any time using the form on my Senate website [<https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=ContactPage>]. You can also follow me on Facebook and Twitter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Post Gets New Flag Disposal Box

By Pete MacLeod

VFW Post 7589 has a much bigger box to hold used U.S. flags thanks to Boy Scout Jack Chong from Troop 761 in Ashburn, Va.

Chong's father, Air Force Colonel John Chong says his son was looking for an Eagle Scout project and started wondering where people take used flags for proper disposal. It didn't take long before he began work on a larger flag disposal box for VFW Post 7589 located at 9304 Centreville Road in Manassas. This new box can hold 6 times as many old flags as the previous box.



Sophia Chong

(L-R) Junior Vice Commander Lou Filippone, Jack Chong, Post Commander Wayne Moore, John Chong and Past Commander Pete MacLeod

VFW Post 7589 properly disposes of the old fags at Flag Retirement ceremonies held several times a year with help from area Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Brownie and Cub Scout organizations.

Jack Chong had plenty of help in building the bigger disposal box. Part of his Eagle Scout project involved supervising the work of others and organizing the supplies which were donated by Home Depot in Chantilly and Boy Scout families. Chong's sister Sophia helped her brother by decorating the flag disposal box with colorful stars.

Residents of the Manassas area are encouraged to drop off their old and used U.S. flags at the new disposal box at Post 7589.

Jack Chong is a Sophomore at Freedom High School in South Riding, VA.

Military Order of the Cootie History

From Facebook by William Shepherd / Post 3160



The Military Order of the Cootie of the United States is a non-profit Veterans Service Organization. We are known as "The Honor Degree of the VFW" and our members are comprised of the officers and leadership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Membership in the MOC is recognition of outstanding service to the VFW and its programs.

Founded in New York City on September 17, 1920, the MOC is based on the principals of good humor and fun. Over the past ninety years, the Cooties have provided social and entertainment programs to members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. as an Ancillary unit within the organization. Since 1923, our first year as a part of the VFW, the Cooties have worked hard to further the aims of the VFW while adding to it the frivolity known as Military Humor to the serious work of our parent organization.

What would ultimately become known as the VFW National Home for Children, a sprawling campus of homes located in Eaton Rapids, Michigan, started out as the brainchild of the MOC. We firmly believe in caring for the widows and children of our Armed Forces. Literally millions of dollars have been raised and donated to help "our kids" over our history; starting with the library, the swimming pool, the Fire Department, and a host of other projects designed to make life fun and educational for the children during their stay at the National Home.

With the outbreak of World War II, the Cooties recognized a need to entertain hospitalized troops and veterans during their confinement and rehabilitation at Veterans Administration facilities throughout the country. Our service program is described as a directive to "Keep 'em Smiling in Beds of White."

Each year the Cooties volunteer thousands of hours of time worth over ten million dollars to DVA Hospitals and domiciliaries throughout the United States. This work, in addition to the hours of service donated as active members of the VFW, set the members of the MOC apart as Foreign Service and Combat Veterans who are fully engaged in their communities, and their fellow comrades in arms and their families.

Our distinctive red hat and unusual uniform sets us apart and draws attention to the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves. We sacrifice a little of ourselves to bring a smile or a laugh during what is normally a difficult time for our heroes. We seek others like us to join and help us help them in their times of stress and anxiety.

Additional detail is available at:

http://vfw7589.org/MOC/Cooties_20History.html.

VFW Celebrates Women's History Month

'We salute every woman, most-notably our women veterans, who selflessly answer the call of freedom each and every day'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (February 28, 2020) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) celebrates Women's History Month throughout the month of March.

"Women have made, and continue to make, significant contributions to our great nation – many of whom have served in the best military in the world," said VFW National Commander William "Doc" Schmitz. "From Harriet Tubman to 'Amazing Grace' Hopper, women have stamped their mark on our remarkable American history. We salute every woman, most-notably our women veterans, who selflessly answer the call of freedom each and every day."

Every week in March, the VFW will highlight a woman veteran who has made outstanding contributions to our military and society. Veterans are encouraged to share their stories at vfw.org/StillServing.

INSIDENOVA PRINCE WILLIAM presents MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE
in LES SYLPHIDES AND MORE
Friday, March 13-Sunday, March 15
We are happy to present *Les Sylphides*, a ballet blanc widely thought of as the first ballet to be created simply about mood and without a storyline. Additionally, the program will include new contemporary works, all accompanied by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra.

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For more information: 703-257-1811 or 703-368-6621

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VFW the Movie

On February 14, a new movie called “VFW” ... hit theatres nationwide.

The movie’s plot is fictitious; a teenage girl runs into a VFW Post’s canteen with a bag of stolen drugs. Suddenly under attack from a gang of punk mutants looking to get back what’s theirs — at any cost — a group of veterans use every weapon they can put together to protect the girl, and their VFW Post.

The VFW agreed to its marks being used in this production based on the agreement that the production would:

- Portray America’s veterans as heroic.
- Emphasize their inherent, enduring commitment to serve.
- Weave a story that positions veterans as resilient, vital and relevant to culture and society.

The movie looks gritty and is very much an “action flick.” But the veterans in the movie are portrayed as protectors of the weak ... defenders of those who have suffered injustice ... the good guys.

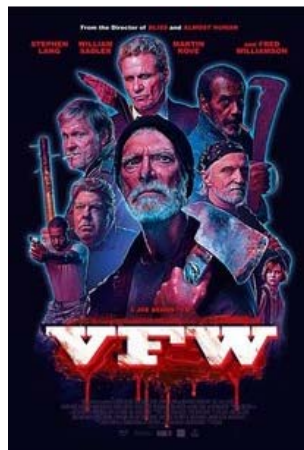
Yes, it’s over the top and extreme — but so are movies like Rambo, Die Hard, etc. which position veterans/officers of the law as the heroes. Viewers aren’t going into this movie expecting a documentary or a gentle coming of age story. It’s billed as science fiction, action and fantasy in review online. Over the top action and scenes are going to be expected.

This production has been created for a very niche audience, and thus far, those familiar with the genre like it. In fact, it’s receiving great reviews. <https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/vfw>

While the Post canteen scene conflicts with the dynamics of our modern-day establishments and changing culture, this production has offered our name a unique means of reaching an uncommon audience with an overall positive portrayal of our members.

Respectfully,

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**Saturday, April 18, 2020
1-4pm**



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Manassas, VA 20110**

**Questions and Answers for the Youth
to Military Veterans**

ADDRESS•A•VET 2020

Mr. T.C. Williams along with American Legion Post 10 and VFW Post 7589 are hosting a community open house. On display will be artifacts from service and wartime. Veterans will be on hand to answer your questions about their service to our Country and Community.

*Why are you a Veteran?
Do you come from a military family?*

*What did you do in the Military?
Do you still work in the same field?*

**Contact
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*Where did you serve?
Where was your favorite place you lived?*

*How long did you serve?
What did you do?*



Upcoming Events

March 1-5	Continuation of VFW Legislative Conference/VOD/PP/Washington, DC
March 2	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
March 19	Youth Committee 7 PM
March 23	Americanism Committee Meeting 7 PM
March 31	Patriotic Arts (Deadline)
April 2	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Nominations)
April 16	Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM
April 26	District 8 Convention/Culpeper 2524/12 PM (Election)
April 27	Flag Retirement - 9 AM at the Post (TBD)
	Americanism Committee Meeting 7 PM
April 30	Department Program Reports (Deadline)
May 4	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Elections)
May 18	Americanism Committee Meeting 7 PM
May 21	Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM
May 23-24	Buddy Poppy Drive 9 AM -3 PM/Giant in Manassas (TBD)
May 25	Vet Day Activities/8:30 AM,, Memorial/9 AM Cemetery
June 1	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM (Elections)
June 11-14	State Convention— Portsmouth
June 18	Youth Committee Meeting 7 PM

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