

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
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RICK RASKIN

Daniel Gade, Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services visited our Post meeting on February 7. See the Commissioner's letter on [Page 7](#).

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## Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

My Thought: I once read that history was a weapon; However, I find it to be a more reliable and accurate teacher. History shows man has spent countless lifetimes without a solution to living peacefully together yet embracing an unwitting consensus on how we die together!

### A microcosm of History's account of War Deaths

The history of war goes back by millennia. Among the earliest wars was one in Egypt in about 3,000 BCE. Alexander the Great fought a series of battles around 330 BCE. While some of these wars probably took tens of thousands of lives, modern warfare, with larger armies and more advanced weapons, pushed death tolls much higher.

What is called "modern war" began about the year 1800. It was characterized by the wide use of gunpowder and heavy weapons, which included, in particular, cannons. The earliest of these were the Napoleonic Wars (1803 to 1815). These had another characteristic. They were fought over large geographic areas that included multiple nations.

While the American Revolutionary War (1775 to 1783) was the first war fought on U.S. soil, the total number of combatants killed was about 20,000, and civilian deaths were approximately the same. That total is horrible, but it does not compare at all with the next war fought in the United States. Civil War deaths have been counted as high as 850,000.

Most major wars that occurred after the Civil War were fought between two or more countries. Among the exceptions are the Chinese Civil War, which started in 1927 and ran until 1950. It is estimated to have killed 8 million combatants and civilians.

Navies were an early change in how wars were fought. Another major change in warfare tactics was the use of aircraft as weapons. Planes were not widely used until World War I and eventually evolved to the point where they could level entire cities, which first happened in World War II.

World War II was fought across virtually all of Europe and much of the Pacific, and many armies were involved, including soldiers from India. The war in the Pacific theater ended with the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which are estimated to have killed 200,000 people.

World War II is the war in which the most people were killed, although it ended more than 75 years ago. During the war, it is estimated that 70 million people were killed. Most of these were civilians.

Douglas A. McIntyre: <https://247wallst.com/special-report/2022/02/22/this-war-killed-the-most-people-in-history/>

## Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



It's Mardi Gras time, arguably one of the best celebrations in the world. It stretches from Twelfth Night (the last night of Christmas) all the way until Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday" to reflect the practice of eating rich, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season. It's also a time to bring out those colorful beads and masks and party! This celebration goes on in many parts of the world in various forms. So get out there and join the Mardi Gras celebrations on March 1st, and party with the world!



Daylight Saving Time (DST) in the USA starts on the second Sunday in March (13th) and ends on the first Sunday in November (6th). The current schedule was introduced in 2007 and follows the Energy Policy Act of 2005. According to Section 110, the US Department of Transportation (DOT) governs the use of DST. The law does not affect the rights of the states and territories that choose not to observe DST.



St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th, the anniversary of St. Patrick's death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on Thursday this year.

Now that the VFW contests have concluded, I would like to thank everyone for their participation in promoting the VFW Scholarship programs. In a few weeks, the new theme for both the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen will be announced from National. Please keep an eye out for the new information. However, the deadline for the Auxiliary's contests is March 31, 2022 for the Illustrating America art contest for grades 1-8, the Red, White & Blue singing competition for students ages 6-16, and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest for grades 9-12. Please contact any Post or Auxiliary member to submit an entry.



The National President's Homecoming Garden Party and the Mid-Year Conference was held in Melbourne, FL. The CAFÉ (Celebrating America's Freedom Event) was held on the grounds of NASA at Cape Canaveral,

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## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds everyone well as we await the arrival of spring. We held our last meeting on 17 February at the Post. The meeting was attended physically by Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Peter MacLeod and myself. Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill participated by phone. The big topic of discussion was the District 8 Annual Educational Awards Ceremony which was held on 12 February at the District 8 meeting at Post

3103 in Fredericksburg. The ceremony was a great success with over 33 students, teachers and guests participating. In addition, several members of the VFW and Auxiliary were also present. Department Commander Butch Schupska, Past Department Commanders Rick Raskin and Ken Wiseman, current Department Senior Vice Commander Geoff Lyster, District 8 Commander Jeff Dombroff, District 8 Auxiliary President Vicki Butler and Post 7589 Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill participated. In addition, all the District 8 officers were present. Both certificates and prizes were awarded to all the District student and teacher winners. Photos of the event can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

Post Adjutant Ron Link and Comrade Peter MacLeod are currently producing and distributing award certificates along with VFW pens and pencils to all the Post Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy applicants. This involves a great deal of time and effort to produce and distribute these items to our students. We should commend both Ron and Peter for all their hard work. It's wonderful that all students who participate in our Post essay contests receive some recognition even if they aren't selected as Post winners.

The Scout of the Year Contest deadline of 1 March is upon us and we are busy gathering all the application packets from our candidates. Annually, the VFW recognizes an exemplary Eagle Scout, Girl Scout with the Gold Award, Venturing Crew Scout with the Venture Summit Award or Sea Scout with the Quartermaster Award. It recognizes those Scouts who have risen above their peers in exemplifying the qualities of that rank. We should have two to four applicants at the Post level in the Scout of the Year Contest. We need to judge and select our Post winner as soon as possible in preparation for District judging. The Post judging will be held on 7 March at the Post at 6:00 PM just before the General Membership meeting. We are looking for judges and encourage you to join us and to help select our Post Scout of the Year winner. That individual will advance to District judging and hopefully will advance to the Department competition. The Department judging is 1 April with that winner advancing to the National competition. The National winner must be selected by 1 May.

A separate announcement regarding District 8 judging will be released once it has been determined that other Posts have received applications from their respective Scouts necessitating a District selection board.

The Youth Committee has chosen the date of Saturday, 7 May for it's Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony. The event setup is scheduled for 8:00 AM with the ceremony starting at 9:00 AM. The Auxiliary would like to conclude the ceremony with a pizza party which they have agreed to sponsor. We are a couple of months out, but it's not too early to save the date. As with all our Scout/Post activities we encourage all of you to participate and attend. The ceremony is well organized and produced. It is primarily conducted by the Scouts with very little assistance from the adult Scout leaders or the VFW. You will enjoy the ceremony if you attend, so we hope to see you there.

We are currently contacting JROTC and CAP units in the area, offering to present VFW Cadet Awards at their awards ceremonies. We typically present Cadet Awards to JROTC units at Osbourn Park, Unity Reed and Battlefield High Schools and are also trying to contact a few other area high schools with JROTC units. We also have a close working relationship with the Prince William Composite Squadron and will be presenting VFW Officer and NCO Cadet Awards at their ceremony as well. If any of you are interested in participating in these award ceremonies please contact any member of the Youth Committee and we will be happy to include you in our program. The award ceremonies typically begin in May and conclude sometime in August. As soon as the schedule is determined it will be announced in future newsletters.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 17 March at the Post at 7:00 PM. We hope you can join us. Working with our kids is one of the most rewarding things we do in the VFW. Just participate in any of our Youth Committee activities and you'll see what I mean.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair

**Scout of the Year judges are needed for the Post 7589 Selection Board. Judging is scheduled for Monday, 7 March 2022 at the Post at 6:00PM. It will be held prior to the General Membership Meeting. Judging should require only about 30-45 minutes. We should have between two to four Scouts in the Post competition. Your participation in this important selection board is greatly appreciated. Please contact Lou Filippone, Youth Committee Chair, if you can attend.**



## Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

February saw several activities for our Scouting units.

Our youngest Scouts started it off with some extremely fast racing during their Pinewood Derby. We saw some very creative cars that the Scouts made to race one another, and we also saw families and siblings creating cars to race in a separate family's bracket. This is one of the main events of the year for the Scouts and they had an absolute blast. This year the race was held at the Post and went perfectly.

The Pinewood Derby was followed up by the Blue and Gold ceremony where the Cubs were presented with various awards and ranks that they earned.

Our older Scouts, both boys and girls, were able to put together a skiing trip to Bryce Resort here in Virginia. We had a mix of Scouts that are experienced skiers as well as Scouts that had never touched a pair of skis before. Needless to say, this was an interesting and fun time for them all. They also were able to work on the Snow Sports merit badge while they were there.

Our girl's troop had a cultural food night where each member brought a dish from a different culture to introduce to the other Scouts. They also had to create a write-up on the dish to describe the ingredients, the preparation, and a short write-up about the dish itself. We saw dishes from around the world and everyone ate very well.

From an adult perspective we had our official changing of leadership this month, our first ever. Our two Scoutmasters and one Crew Advisor were honored during a ceremony where they officially turned over command to three new leaders. One of our Scoutmasters was with the troop since it formed eleven years ago. Our own Tina Bliem formed the girl's troop three years ago, and another leader helped to form our venturing crew around eight years ago. They were all replaced with very capable and energetic leaders. The outgoing leaders were all presented with meaningful awards for their years of service.

The Scouts are currently very busy planning camping trips, summer camp, and a high adventure trip for this summer, and next summer. In the spring the Scouts will also be participating in a flag retirement ceremony with our Post and will also participate in Memorial Day ceremonies to remember our fallen.

Alex and Tina Bliem  
Post 7589  
Troop/Crew/Pack 1372



Scouts race their creations at the Pinewood Derby



Scouts work on the Snow Sports merit badge

# Legislative Update



**Monti Zimmerman**

All seven JLC Initiatives for 2022 have bills covering them.  
 #1 HB 403 a budget amendment (Suicide Prevention-a budgeted increase).  
 #2 HB 957 Provides a “local option” for each jurisdiction to decide if it will provide tax relief to the surviving spouses of those who died on active duty not caused by enemy,  
 HJ 83/ HJ 96 (Provides for a Constitutional Amendment for surviving spouses whose service member died on active du-

ty). **To Full House for Vote.**  
 #3 HB 17 (Exempts Veteran Service Organizations from prosecution for weapons training for funerals and parades). **Passed through the House.& Senate**  
 #4 HB 144 (Removes \$400 fee for burial of spouses of veterans in State veterans’ cemeteries).**Laid on the table for this year. This means no further action.**  
 #5 A budget amendment (Provides grant money for businesses who hire Guard & Reserve).  
 #6 HB 487 (Provides free entry to members of the National Guard to State Parks). **Laid on the table for this year. However,**

**incorporated into HB 1035 & HB 666**  
 #7 HB 233 (Updates the National Guard tax deduction for Virginia National Guard members). **This bill is in jeopardy of being laid on the table.**

Additionally:  
 HB 120 Provides free Virginia hunting and fishing licenses for 30% disabled veterans. **Passed through subcommittee.**  
 HB 1035 provides free entry to State Parks by veterans. **In Committee.**  
 HB 666 provides free entry to State Parks to active-duty members and a 50% discount to veterans. **In Committee.**

SB 609 & SB 571 remove the tax on groceries.

HB 1128 \$20 K deduction from taxable military retirement income, a \$30 K for 2022 and a \$40 K deduction in 2023. **To Full House for Vote.**

SB 528 \$5 K deduction from taxable military retirement income, 2023, \$10 K on military benefits received by a person 60 years of age or older; 2024, up to \$15 K on military benefits received by a person 60 years of age or older; 2025, \$20 K on military benefits received by a person 60 years of age or older. **Passed through subcommittee.**



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

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

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 703-479-7437



**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**



District 8 Educational Awards — February 12, 2022 — Fredericksburg Post 3103

PHOTOS BY RICK RASKIN



Clifford Krieger, sponsored by Post 7728, reads his first place essay. Observing, Master of Ceremonies Lou Filippone.



Patriots Pen winners Yosaiyah Allen, Brielle Appiatse and Evelyn Watts. Accompanied by District 8 Youth Chair Lou Filippone, District 8 Auxiliary President Vickie Buttler, District Auxiliary Youth Chair Mary Corkhill and District 8 Commander Jeff Dombroff.



District and Auxiliary officers accompany Voice of Democracy winners Olan Faulk, Clifford Krieger and Catherine Griffin.



District and Auxiliary officers accompany Teachers of the Year Shannon Morgan and Amanda Cline.

**2021-22 VFW District Eight Educational Awards Recipients**

**Patriot's Pen, 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- First Place: Faith E. Clevenger, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Classical Conversations- Home School, Spotsylvania, VA, Post 3103
- Second Place: Yosaiyah R. Allen, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Ronald Wilson Reagan Middle School, Haymarket, VA, Post 7589
- Third Place: Evelyn E. Watts, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Taylor Middle School, Warrenton, VA, Post 9835
- Honorable Mention: Brielle Appiatse, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade All Saints Catholic School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589

**Voice of Democracy, 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:**

- First Place: Clifford T. Krieger, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Home School, Broad Run, VA, Post 7728

- Second Place: Emma M. Reynolds, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Seton School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589
- Third Place: Catherine T. Griffin, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Seton School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589
- Honorable Mention: Olan J. Faulk, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Culpeper County High School, Culpeper, VA Post 2425

**VFW District Eight Teachers of the Year**

- Grades K-5: Mrs. Amanda Cline, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Haydon Elementary School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589
- Grades 6-8: Mrs. Wanda S. Fraser-Epps, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Baldwin Intermediate School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589
- Grades 9-12: Mrs. Shannon Morgan, 10, 11,12th Grade Teacher, Osbourn High School, Manassas, VA, Post 7589

## Commissioner's Corner



Greetings!

My name is Daniel Gade, and I'm proud to serve you as the new Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS). On behalf of Governor Youngkin, I want to assure you that our single-minded focus is on making Virginia the best place in the country for veterans to live, work, and raise a family.

I am "one of you"- I first enlisted in the Army in 1992 as a medic in the Army Reserve, and a year later was appointed to West Point. I served for 20 years as an Armor officer, leading troops in CONUS and in both the Republic of Korea and Iraq. During my service in Iraq, I was wounded by enemy fire twice- the second time costing me my entire right leg and a year in the hospital. I chose to stay on active duty, and earned a Master's degree and a PhD in public administration, taught at West Point, worked at the White House, and more. After retiring from the Army, I worked at the US Department of Labor's Veterans Employment and Training Service and even ran for office!

This department is committed to helping veterans thrive in Virginia. I'm thrilled to report that the Governor's budget includes a tax cut on military retirement pay, additional services for veterans wishing to start a small business, and much more. Our core mission at DVS remains the same: ensuring veterans receive timely transition, employment, and education assistance, benefits, behavioral health care, long-term care, and the recognition they have earned through their service to our country and Commonwealth.

We are constantly working to improve our services and reach more veterans. If you have ideas, comments or suggestions as to how we can better serve you, please contact us and encourage fellow veterans to do so. We'd love to have your help finding veterans to help!

Daniel Gade, Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

## VA proposing changes to ratings schedule

The Department of Veterans Affairs is proposing changes to the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities specifically pertaining to the respiratory, auditory and mental disorders body systems.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-38/chapter-I/part-4>

The proposed updates to the rating schedule for these conditions will enable VA to incorporate modern medical data and terminology to provide Veterans with more accurate and consistent decisions.

Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-connected condition in these body systems will not have their disability rating impacted when the VA Schedule for Rating Disabilities is updated. Updating the rating schedule allows Veterans to receive decisions based on the most current medical knowledge relating to their condition.

By incorporating modern medical data in the assessment of disabilities and how they impact earning capacity, Veterans will receive evaluations which more accurately compensate them for their service-connected disabilities. Proposed updates include:

\* Modernizing the evaluative rating criteria for sleep apnea, using developments in medical knowledge to evaluate it based on its responsiveness to treatment, bringing the rating criteria for

sleep apnea more closely in line with the stated purpose of the rating schedule.

\* Evaluating tinnitus (ringing in the ears) as a symptom of the underlying disease which causes it, rather than as a stand-alone disability.

\* Evaluating mental health conditions based on a more robust and holistic approach that assesses how impactful the disability is to cognition, interpersonal relationships, task completion, life activities and self-care. Additionally, the proposed evaluation criteria include a 10% minimum evaluation for having one or more service-connected mental health conditions and will no longer require "total occupational and social impairment" to attain a 100% evaluation.

No change to a Veteran's current rating would occur due to these proposed changes. If the proposed changes are finalized, Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-connected condition can apply for increased compensation, but no reductions shall be made unless an improvement in the Veteran's disability is shown to have occurred.

The public has [until April 18] to provide comments to VA regarding the two proposed updates via the Federal Register notices located here:

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/VA-2022-VBA-0009-0001>

Submitted by Chris Morgan

## Join VFW and Humana in the Fight Against Food Insecurity

*VFW and Humana are working to provide meals for military and veteran families across the country*

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (Feb. 1, 2022)** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce that for the fourth year in a row, it is teaming up with Humana to kick off its annual “Uniting to Combat Hunger” (UTCH) campaign, focusing its 2022 efforts on furthering awareness and providing meals to those facing hunger and food insecurity.

Established in 2018, the UTCH campaign was created to raise awareness of food insecurity, which can affect 1 in 4 Iraq and Afghanistan War veterans, and 1 in 8 people in America. To date, the UTCH campaign has provided more than 2.5 million meals to service members, veterans, military families and communities in need.

With a goal of providing 500,000 meals, this year’s campaign will culminate at the 123rd VFW National Convention being held in Kansas City on July 16-21, 2022.

“When the men and women of our armed forces put on their uniform, the last thing on their mind should be where the next meal for themselves or their family is coming from,” said VFW National Commander Fritz Mihelcic. “Together we know we can ensure America’s military and veteran communities have access to the sustenance and fulfillment every person deserves.”

“Education and awareness are an important part of the battle against food insecurity for our military affiliated community,” said Andrew Renda, M.D., MPH, Vice President, Bold Goal and Population Health Strategy for Humana. “We are committed to helping our communities better recognize and respond to veteran food insecurity while also connecting our veterans to the food they need to achieve their best health.”

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 60 million people turned to food banks and community programs for help and putting food on the table in 2020 according to Feeding America. The support raised now through July will help provide vital support for thousands of service members, veterans and their families.

To help provide meals to families facing hunger, donate today at <https://vfw.org/UTCHDonate>. Learn more about the “Uniting to Combat Hunger” campaign and how you can directly help in the fight against food insecurity by visiting <https://vfw.org/UTCH>.

## Waste Connections- American Disposal Services offers free service to needy veterans

In the past we have encountered veterans that needed to move out of their house and ended up needing to throw a lot of stuff away. If the cost of ordering a roll-off box to dispose of these items is too much of a financial burden then I would love to be able to assist them with providing a roll-off box free of charge. Depending on the circumstances I might even be able to scrounge up a couple of guys to help throw the items into the roll-off box.

### Dave Werkema

Operations Manager

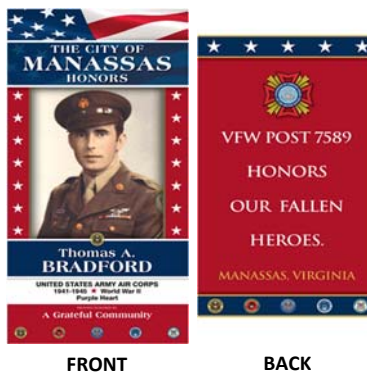
Waste Connections- American Disposal Services

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## Memorial Day Banners

By Gunny Lewis



Mock-up of how the banner will appear.

This year for Memorial Day week Manassas City has granted Veterans’ Service Organizations (VSOs) the opportunity to place banners (two sided, 24” x 48”, weatherproof) honoring our local deceased veterans on utility poles along Center Street in Old Town Manassas. A photograph of the deceased veteran along with their name and a brief description will be on one side of the banner and the other side will display the VSOs’ emblem. Historic

Manassas, Inc. (HMI) will place the banners on the poles at no cost to the VSOs. The cost of the banners will be borne by each individual VSO wishing to participate.

At this time the City has currently approved 12 banners for display. Post 7589 agreed to purchase four at a cost of \$99.00 each. The four veterans we will honor are: Francis Cannon, Joe Dazzo, Merle Hancock and Robert Swank.

In future years we may be able to display many more banners honoring many more veterans along the entire length of Center Street.

We thank **Jerry Martin** for initiating and following through with the project.



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FL. Several members from Virginia attended the three events. During the Mid-Year Conference, the members were introduced to Michael Wilson, the Executive Director of the National Home for Children.

Please mark your calendar for the next District meeting to be held at Culpeper Post 2524 on Saturday, April 9th starting at 10:00 AM. There will be an audit before the meeting and election for the District officers. Please consider taking a position.

From the National VFW Home for Children website: “Almost a century ago, the VFW National Home for Children began as a place where families left behind by war could remain together. Today, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America’s military and veterans’ families. When you make a financial donation to the VFW National Home for Children, you’re sending help and hope to people at their time of need.” If you wish to assist them in their mission, PLEASE purchase a life membership for \$50. The email for signing up for a life membership is: <https://vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>.

Please keep members and their families who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers. As I stated in last month’s article, we are still in uncertain and challenging times so please stay safe and follow the guidelines set forth by local and state authorities.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



## VFW’s “Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship” Open Now

The scholarship is accepting applications now through April 30 for the fall 2022 semester. Veterans are returning from active military duty to prepare for civilian careers that often require additional college, graduate, and technical degrees and training. To ease the financial burden of going back to school, Sport Clips and the VFW have teamed up for the past eight years to provide up to \$5,000 of assistance per semester, per family, for service members and veterans in the rank of E-5 and below.

<https://www.vfw.org/assistance/student-veterans-support>

## Women in History

By Jeanne Tomlinson

### Maj. General Maria Barrett & Brig. General Paula Lodi, first pair of sister generals

Members of the same family serving together isn’t exactly a new concept – for many Americans, the U.S. Military is a family business. Not every family has two generals – and even rarer are those generals who are sisters. They are the daughters of Ruston Lodi, an Italian immigrant, WWII veteran, Silver Star recipient and school teacher; and Clara Lodi, an educator. The sisters grew up in Franklin, Massachusetts, just outside of Boston.

Maj. Gen. Barrett (53) is the Commanding General of NET-COM, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, which runs the Army’s cyber networks. She has worked in field assignments which took her to Kuwait, South Korea, Germany, and Saudi Arabia as well as assignments within the United States. She graduated from Tufts University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations and was commissioned through the Army ROTC program as a Second Lieutenant in 1988. Originally, Maj. Gen. Barrett considered art school or the Foreign Service and said her cyber career with the Army was “almost accidental.” Maj. Gen. Barrett has received the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Bronze Star Medal and many other service excellence related medals. She is married to retired Lieutenant Brian T. Barrett, a former Signal Corps Officer.

Brig. Gen. Lodi (51), Barrett’s younger sister, works as a Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Medical Command at the Joint Base, San Antonio, Texas. She wanted to be a soldier since roughly the age of 8. She was the first female Commander of the 44<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade. She attended Rutgers University, graduating as a Distinguished Military Graduate and is also a Distinguished honor Graduate of the Naval War College and has Masters degrees in public administration; military arts and science; and national security and strategic studies. Brig. Gen. Lodi has served in Germany, Seoul, Korea and was the Executive Officer to the Director of the Army Staff in the Pentagon. She has received the Bronze Star Medal, Legion of Merit Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, and expert Field Medical Badge among other service excellence related medals. She is married to Henry Vance, III, retired Command Sergeant Major. They have two daughters that are currently in the U.S. Army.

### HELPING TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY

Post 7589 teamed up with The National Financial Literacy Campaign to conduct community financial awareness. The first-class was taught in Spanish and saw an attendance of fifty people.

Post 7589 will be opening its' doors once a month on Sunday for two sessions: one in Spanish and one in English.

Topics: Increase cash flow, Debt management, Emergency fund, Proper protection, Saving & wealth, Retirement planning, Funding for college, Health & wealth, and more.

The next class will be on March 27 at 9 a.m.



**The Manassas Woman's Club** is very grateful to VFW Post 7589 and especially Post Commander Wayne Moore for allowing the Club to hold it's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Members and Children's Art Show. This year we had 26 entries from Manassas City School Children grades K-12. Congratulations to our First Place Winners: Rawan Said, Abigail Hanley, Tegan Alter and John Tabug who will now compete at the District Level. Congratulations also to Emily Maroon, our 1<sup>st</sup> Place winning member. Emily presented a wonderful crocheted baptismal outfit for her newest granddaughter. Manassas Woman's Club also wishes to thank our Judges, John Hartt and Kelly Haneklau.

Approximately 100 people stopped by to view the wonderful art submitted by our Manassas City School Children and our members. We are grateful to all who entered and helped to make this show a success. Thanks also to all of our members who came to help: Kaitlyn Anderson, Robin Armentrout, Robin Grubbs, Emily Maroon, Susan Morabito, Phyllis Maggio and Jaye Wilkinson. A special thank you to Cheryl Brunner, Manassas Woman's Club Arts Chair and Carol Hartt, Manassas City Schools PreK-12 Elective Content Specialist. Without Ms. Hartt's invaluable assistance this Art Show would not have been as terrific as it was. Thank you all!

### 2020-21 Post Officers

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

### 2020-21 Auxiliary 7589 Officers

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

## Contributions Desired for the Community Service Book

As you may or may not know I am working on the Community Service Book this year which covers 1 May 2021 thru 30 April 2022. The guidelines for the book are detailed in minutiae - this makes it more challenging.

**NO** Post events such as elections, installation, meetings, dances, etc. shall be included in the book or mentioned. **ONLY COMMUNITY SERVICE** to include monetary donations and the cost of any projects for the community.

The book shall be divided into tabs:

- Tab 1, Community Involvement
- Tab 2, Cooperation with Others
- Tab 3, Aid to Others
- Tab 4, School & Church Assistance
- Tab 5, Safety
- Tab 6, Americanism/Loyalty Day
- Tab 7, Youth & Voice of Democracy

Many of our community service events fall into several categories but only one can be chosen.

I am respectfully requesting each and every one of you to send me any and all info on the above to include photographs, newspaper articles, money expended, etc. Again, no internal events. Dates to be included are listed above.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance. Remember the CSB will reflect on us!

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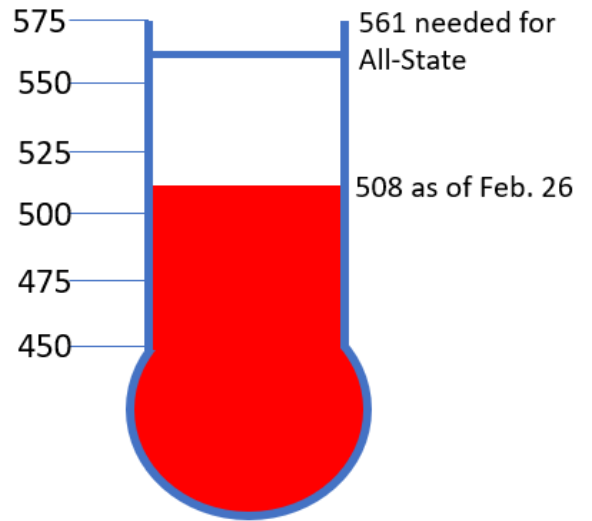
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## Upcoming Events

March 7	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
March 14	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
March 17	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
April 4	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
April 9	District 8 Convention — Post 2524, Culpeper — 10 AM
April 11	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
April 21	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM



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