

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
March 2023



RICK RASKIN

Prior to our February 6 membership meeting an attorney representing a VFW approved law firm explains options for those affected by Camp Lejeune water issues. U.S. veterans and their family members have filed more than 100 lawsuits in North Carolina federal court claiming injuries from contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. For additional information click [\[here\]](#).

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## Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

For this month's column I defer to the Virginia Department of Veterans Services "Commissioner's Corner"

### Commissioner's Corner

Every veteran is likely aware of the suicide crisis that our veterans face; although estimates vary from 17 to 25 a day, every single one of these is a tragedy. I was personally touched by this scourge recently- a West Point graduate I know who had served with valor and distinction in a Special Mission Unit killed himself last fall, leaving several young children behind. I'm sure each one of you has a similar story.

To prevent those stories from ever being told, we must all pull together to fight! That's why I'm thrilled to announce that the Department of Veterans Services is awarding millions in community grant funding to non-profit organizations around the Commonwealth that engage in suicide prevention or opiate overuse programming. Small non-profits can use the funding to build out new capacity; established non-profits can use the funding to



Daniel Gade, PhD  
Commissioner  
Virginia Department  
of Veterans Services

provide services directly or to create new programs. The application deadline was February 28th for first round funding, although there may be additional opportunities in the second round later in the spring. YOU CAN HELP! Please distribute this link to any non-profit that's doing work in the suicide prevention or opiate use space. We want as many community partners as possible to be a part of this exciting new initiative. Again, time is short...and we can save lives together.

Speaking of applications, our sincere thanks to the more than 800 women veterans and supporters who submitted applications for the planned Women Veterans License Plate. In order for authorizing legislation to be introduced in the 2023 General Assembly, we needed at least 450 applications, and thanks to you, we're well ahead of that mark. As I write this, it appears that bills will soon pass the General Assembly and be on the way to Governor Glenn Youngkin's desk for signature. Look for an update in future editions of this eNews regarding when the plates will be available from the DMV.

As I've written about in past editions of this eNews, one of the best things that we as a Commonwealth can do for our veterans is to help them find a job after they leave the military that builds on

(See *Commander* on page 3)

## Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

The National President, Jane Reape, will make her official visit to Virginia from **March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>** in the Virginia Beach area. After her visit, she will be attending the VFW Legislative Conference and Voice of Democracy in Washington, DC from March 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>. After the awards for the Voice of Democracy, the VFW will publicly announce the theme for the 2023-2024 year.



Daylight Savings Time starts on the second Sunday, **March 12<sup>th</sup>** and ends on Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup>. During this eight-month period, people shift their clocks forward by an hour so that we can have more daylight in the evening than in the early morning.

St. Patrick's Day observes the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. The holiday has evolved into a celebration of Irish culture with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of **GREEN**. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on Friday, **March 17<sup>th</sup>**.

The **deadline** for the Auxiliary's contests is **March 31, 2023** 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.

Please mark your calendar for the next District meeting to be held at Culpeper Post 2524 on Saturday, **April 15<sup>th</sup>** starting at 10:00AM. There will be an audit before the meeting and elections for the District officers is on the agenda. Please consider taking a position.

On **May 6<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a flag retirement starting at 10:00AM. A pizza party will follow for all attending.

From the VFW National Home website: "Over the years, 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, 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://vfwnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>.

I'm requesting everyone to send out a special prayer for Ann Mitchell who is facing medical issues and other members and their families who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their heavenly home. If you know of anyone who needs any assistance, please don't hesitate in letting us know. Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



## Dave Mattingly Awarded Quilt of Valor

*(Commander from page 2)*

On February 20, Comrade Dave Mattingly was awarded a Quilt of Valor for his nearly 33 years of service in the US Navy and his continued volunteer service to veterans as an Honor Flight Tour Guide and Docent at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation began in 2003 to cover Service-members and Veterans with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. He received his Quilt at a ceremony at Burke Community Center. Colors were presented by VFW Post 5412 Burke, VA.



DAVE MATTINGLY

## Department Calendar Raffle

This year the calendar raffle becomes my responsibility. I wanted to do something a little different this year. This year I want to thank and welcome home all our Vietnam veterans. This makes the calendar a little more personal to many comrades and Auxiliary members to buy one for themselves or as a gift to a Vietnam veteran. I have discussed this idea at a few District meetings I have attended and everyone really likes the idea. The previous raffles have been successful, but I want to make this the best calendar raffle we have done so far. But I need your help.

What I am looking for is to have your members (that are Vietnam veterans and belong to a Post in Virginia or Auxiliary member of a Vietnam veteran) send me a photo of them while they were in country along with their name, year in country, a brief description or quote for the photo and VFW Post number they belong to. They can send it to my email address ([judge@vfwva.org](mailto:judge@vfwva.org)). I look forward to seeing all the photos and I hope for an overwhelming response. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Douglas Hoffman  
State Judge Advocate

their talent and drive to succeed. I'm proud to announce that the efforts of our Military Medics and Corpsmen (MMAC) program, which helps former military medical personnel transition to high-demand jobs in healthcare, was recognized for its excellence by the L. Douglas Wilder School at Virginia Commonwealth University. Read more about this below. MMAC is a success because of our partnership with healthcare systems across Virginia.

DVS's partnerships with community organizations, businesses, non-profits, and government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels is a true "force multiplier" for DVS. We were honored to partner with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to host the inaugural Eastern Region Community Veterans Engagement Board (CVEB) conference, with participants from 15 states. If you are interested in starting a Community Veterans Engagement Board (CVEB) in your county, please let us know so that we can offer technical assistance!

In the list of upcoming events, you'll see three of the many events presented by our Virginia War Memorial, which honors the nearly 12,000 Virginia heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War II, Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars and the Global War on Terrorism. I invite you to visit the Memorial as often as possible (there's always something new to see) or participate in one of our many online programs.

And as always, all of us at DVS want to hear from you, too. Please contact us with your ideas and suggestions as to how we can better serve you. It's a new year but our mission hasn't changed – to make sure Virginia is the best state in America for veterans and their families to live, work and thrive.

Respectfully,

Daniel Gade, PhD, Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds everyone well and engaged. We held our last meeting on 16 February at the Post. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Paul Chase, Alex Lepro, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and me.

Comrade Peter MacLeod participated via conference call. The first topic of discussion involved tying up the loose ends for our essay contests. We are

preparing certificates and pens for all our Post Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy runner up winners. They are currently being produced and we should be delivering them shortly to the students. Comrade Peter MacLeod just recently returned all the VOD contestant thumb drives to the students at the Seton School. Please remember our Department Voice of Democracy winner, John McGraw, is currently in the running for a National scholarship and was sponsored by our Post. He is a wonderful young man who wrote an incredible essay praising Disabled Veterans who have inspired him and helped him deal with the challenges of having cerebral palsy. He will be attending the National award ceremony in Washington DC on 5 March and we are all wishing him much success. We should be hearing about his results then and are so excited for him and his family. We will be presenting a plaque to his sponsoring school, the Seton School, shortly recognizing both John and Seton for their accomplishments.

Scouting was another big topic of discussion this month. First and foremost, we received our first application packet for the Post Scout of the Year contest, much to everyone's relief. Each year we have very little trouble recruiting contestants for our Youth programs with the exception of Scout of the Year and Teacher of the Year. These two programs usually go down to the wire and somehow at the last minute we get our contestants in on time. At the time of this newsletter, we only have one Scout entry but we still have another week before the 1 March deadline. I'll send out a notice if we receive any more entries and consequently will need a judging date to select the Post winner. The same will hold true for the District.

Comrade Alex Lepro, our newest Youth Committee member, mentioned his son's Cub Scout Pack 555, chartered by Grace United Methodist Church in Manassas, will be losing their charter this year. Alex inquired about the Post sponsoring the Pack but it was determined that his two best options would be to either merge with our Post sponsored Pack 1372 or approach the American Legion and see if they would sponsor them. Our Post unfortunately cannot simply adopt and sponsor a second Cub Scout Pack. Alex said he would discuss our suggestions with the Pack adult leadership and get back to us.

There was a lively discussion with Comrade Paul Chase regarding his generous Youth Fund and we have already made an

award to a disadvantaged student wanting to join Troop 1372. Due to Paul's generosity the student's fees for joining the Troop, to include uniforms, will be provided. Paul is also covering the cost of new equipment for the Scouts and will be assisting the Auxiliary with their youth related expenses. He emphasized that he welcomes diversity and supporting the economically disadvantaged in his efforts. We all commend Paul for his generous and thoughtful actions. If you know of any students who have an interest in joining Scouting, but are financially unable to do so, please get their name to any of us on the Youth Committee and we'll see that they are provided for.

Just a reminder, the deadline for the Patriotic Art Contest, including the Illustrating America and Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue Contest, is 31 March. We are still looking for contestants in these art and anthem singing programs. If you know of any students of any age who might be interested in entering, please let Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill or anyone else on the Youth Committee know and we'll get the student an application. As with all our contests, prizes are available for the winners and the competition starts at the Post level and goes all the way up to National. The details of each contest with the requirements can be found on the application.

We have finally selected the date for the Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony. It will be held on Saturday, 6 May at the Post at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in helping with this event just let any one of us know. Setup for the event begins at 9:30 AM and we should finish just after noon. The event is well produced and organized by the Scouts of Troop and Pack 1372, although Scouts from other area units are invited. We'll provide you more information on this event in upcoming newsletters, including the Scout Pizza Party which usually follows.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 16 March at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please come on by and lend a hand with our Youth programs. It's a great investment in America's future.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone

Youth Committee Chair

# Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

In February our Scouts had a winter backpacking trip where they practiced being in the cold and surviving for a weekend. They only had what they could hike into the park with including food and water. This was a more minimalist backpacking type trip than what they are used to.

We also had a group of Scouts that went to Round-Top for a day of skiing. Weather permitting this has been a yearly trip for a little while now.

This month our girl's troop also awarded its first Eagle Scout. With that we also have a handful of other boys and girls that are currently working on their Eagle rank and hopefully will not be too far behind.

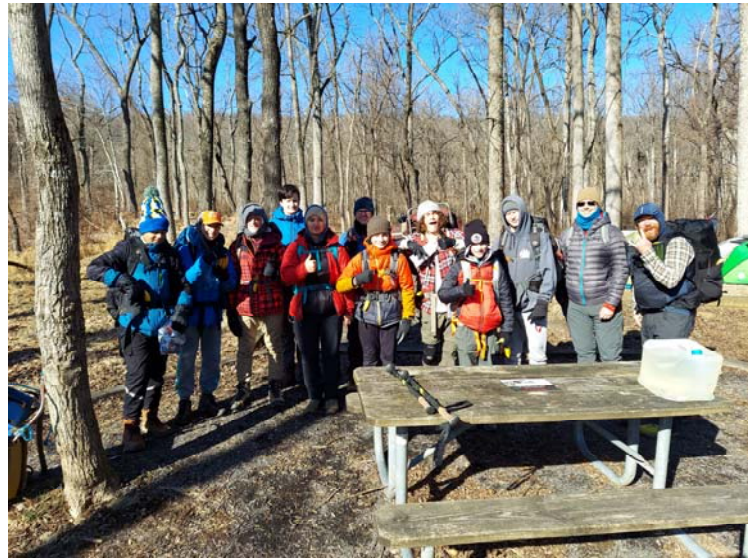
The Scouts also continue to prepare for a weekend ski trip to NY where they will be staying with a local VFW Post. The VFW Post is allowing the troop to stay for free and will also be providing food during their trip. The Scouts in turn will be providing a service project and organizing a large shed on the property that stores medical supplies and such.

Our younger Cub Scouts will be having their yearly Pinewood Derby Race the first week of March. This is always a lot of fun for the Cubs and something they look forward to all year long. They have multiple trophies and awards and the older Scouts will normally come to help and have fun with the Cubs.

All of our units are in active planning mode right now for the summer which will include Summer camp for all, National Jamboree and World Jamboree (Korea). I believe that due to cancellations in previous years because of COVID, this will be the first time they are all occurring during the same summer. Not all Scouts will be going to each event though as it is at an individual level.

Be safe,

Alex & Tina Bliem  
VFW Post 7589  
Pack, Troops, Crew 1372



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## Legislative Report



**Monti Zimmerman**

The Virginia legislative session ends on Saturday February 25. We have several pieces of veteran focused legislation that have passed the House and Senate so far.

I want to highlight one bill that will make life better for veterans: a Virginia Department of Veteran Services disclosure of services must be provided to veterans that are being hired by paid lawyers requiring the lawyers to provide notice to

their clients that they can get the same services for free.

Legislation that passed:

- JLC initiative #4 Elimination of spousal burial fees for military spouses.
- JLC initiative #6 Free entry to State Parks for members of the Virginia National Guard

Other legislation:

- Military Police authority to act as Peace Officers in the State of Virginia to serve search warrants jointly with a Virginia Law Enforcement Officer.
- Mental Health Services Liaisons at the Virginia Department of Veteran Services.
- A study to create a strategic plan for the Virginia Department of Veteran Services.
- Licensure of professional counselors Compact with member states.

- Virginia Department of Veteran Services disclosure of services (paid lawyers must provide notice to their clients that they can get the same services for free).
- Special license plates for women veterans.
- Special license plates for un-remarried surviving spouses.
- Requirements that disabled military veterans receive a decision in writing of their qualifying or not for property tax relief.
- Virginia Department of Veteran Services providing a military spouse liaison for mental health services.
- Virginia Department of Veteran Services to contract with hospitals to provide PTSD/TBI treatment.
- Virginia Department of Veteran Services to contract with hospitals to provide hyperbaric oxygen treatment.

Pending but likely to succeed:

- JLC initiative#1 Constitutional amendment for surviving spouses of those who died on active duty.
- JLC initiative#5 Income subtraction for members of the Virginia National Guard Increase-in conference.
- Tuition grants at institutions of higher education for members of the Virginia National Guard.
- Flight training programs to encourage veterans to become pilots.

## Membership Chair Report

We are doing exceptionally well. We are 18 members short to meet 102%, the National Commander's Goal to help get us back to a 1 million member organization.

Monti



On February 23rd, Senator Bryce Reeves recognized CDR Lincoln Smith, MOAA Virginia Council of Chapters President (R) and COL Monti Zimmerman (L) for legislative advocacy supporting veterans.

The photo was taken by Senator Jeremy McPike of Manassas.

## State Commander



The month of March marks the Spring Equinox and the beginning of the spring season. The Spring Equinox occurs when the Sun crosses the celestial equator going south to north (an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator). For me, it signifies the coming of warmer weather and the opportunity to do more outdoor VFW events.

As a brief recap of this past month: on February 1st, we held the 100th Anniversary of the Department of Virginia in Mechanicsville. We had a stirring ceremony and celebration, as Past CIC Hal Roesch presented the Department with a Centennial Certificate and read a letter from CIC Tim Borland. Also, on display was our re-framed, historic, antique charter that reads February 1, 1923. This was the first of seven Centennial Celebrations to be held across the Commonwealth this year.

We participated in Yellow Ribbon Events in February; the last one in Williamsburg, where we recruited 13 newly returning veterans, into the VFW. All month, we were very active on Capitol Hill-Richmond working hard on the gaming issue, to safeguard the rights of our veterans. While we were down there lobbying, we were honored, February 15th, in the Hall of Delegates; they read a resolution to honor the members of our Posts, past and present, on the occasion of our 100th Anniversary.

As part of our continuing effort to provide superior service to veterans we are starting up two new VFW Posts. At the time of this writing, we [were] preparing to hold the Post 12217 Holland Institution on February 25; and the Post 12218 Haymarket Institution on March 11th. Adding new Posts in strategic areas helps the VFW to accomplish our core mission.

On the horizon, we are looking forward to a great Centennial Celebration on March 4th at VFW Post 1503 Dale City. We are expecting the Commander-In-Chief Tim Borland, Nat'l SVC Duane Sarmiento, Nat'l JVC Al "The Real Deal" Lipphardt, Adjutant General Dan West and Adjutant Quartermaster General Marc Garduno. How's that for an all-star lineup. Every member who attends will receive a beautiful limited-edition VFW Virginia Centennial Coin and all Posts in attendance will receive their Post Centennial Medallion.

We are looking forward to our State Convention to be held June 1 - 4, 2023, in Portsmouth, VA. In [the March] edition of the General Orders, you will see hotel and registrations information. You will also see flyers for the Commanders Club Luncheon (June 2nd) and the Commander's/President's Reception & Centennial Celebration (June 3rd). The latter is expected to be one of the biggest events of the year! This free event will include a buffet dinner, entertainment, free Centennial Coins, door prizes and many special guests. The theme for this event is an "All-American Celebration"; the dress is "Western Wear." We are planning to fill the Marriott Renaissance Ballroom, so be sure to get your RSVP in early.

## DVS Veteran Resource Specialist

I am Vanessa Solt, a Veteran Resource Specialist with the Virginia Department of Veteran Services - Virginia Veteran and Family Support.

I am reaching out to see if anyone from VFW Post 7589 would be interested in meeting (in-person or virtually) to discuss services provided by VVFS/DVS and how we can work together to assist veterans in the local area.

Please let me know if anyone is interested and what availability they have over the next few weeks. Thank you!

Respectfully,

*Vanessa Solt*

Vanessa Solt  
Veteran Resource Specialist

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<http://www.dvs.virginia.gov>

To reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, dial 9-8-8 (veterans press 1)  
<https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

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AND ACTION ALERTS

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Text "VFW" to 50457

or

Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](http://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)

# New Haymarket Post 12218 to be Instituted

The Post will be in District 8

The Installation ceremony will be March 11th. We will begin admitting members and guests at 10AM. The ceremony will start at 1045AM and finish by 1145AM. A light lunch will follow, and the brewery will serve us as soon as we start lunch.

This brewery has been VERY supportive, and I ask that you buy something when you attend. This will be the third event held here. We have posted flyers multiple times, and they have never charged us. Let's support those who support us. There will be non-alcoholic options for beverages.

All attending need to RSVP with this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/installation-of-vfw-post-12218-tickets-536355071457>

Details are as follows:

Location: Great Mane Brewery 6620 James Madison HWY, Haymarket (this is a long building, and the brewery is the unit in the back).

Dress Code: Casual, except for those on the dais (they will be notified separately). Polo shirts are encouraged. It is a great chance to wear the State Commander's red shirt if a Comrade, or the State President's pink shirt if you are a member of the Auxiliary.

Ken Wiseman  
Member, National Council of Administration  
State Chief-of-Staff  
District 10 Senior Vice Commander  
All-American Past State Commander  
All-American Past State Adjutant/Quartermaster  
VFW Department of Virginia

# Manassas Ballet Theatre 20% Savings to see



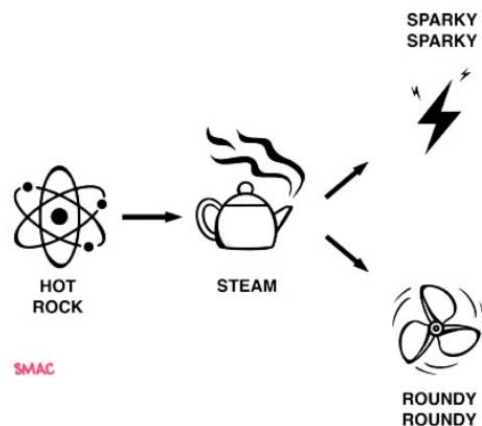
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CONTACT:

[heather@manassasballet.org](mailto:heather@manassasballet.org) or 703-257-1811

if interested or for more information.

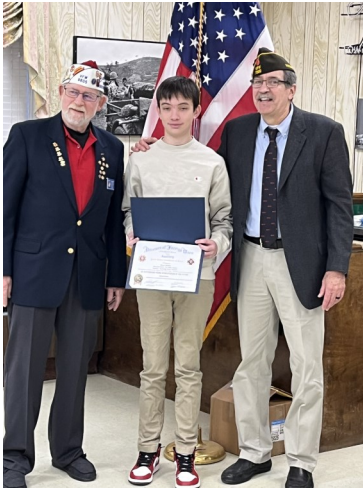
## Nuclear propulsion on a submarine explained





# District 8 Youth and Teacher Awards Ceremony — February 4, 2023

PHOTOS BY RICK RASKIN



**Oliver Caseria, District 8 Patriot's Pen 3rd Place winner with Jeff Dombroff and Lou Filippone**



**Rachel Baughman, District 8 Patriot's Pen 2nd Place winner with Jeff Dombroff**



**Jane Judge, District 8 Patriot's Pen 1st Place winner**



**Ava Price, District 8 Voice of Democracy 2nd Place winner**



**John McGraw, District 8 and Department of Virginia Voice of Democracy 1st Place winner**



**Olivia Caseria, District 8 Teacher of the Year grades K-5, Baldwin Elementary**



**Julie Curry, District 8 Teacher of the Year grades 6-8, Auburn Middle School**



**SMSgt USAF (ret) David Shuler, District 8 Teacher of the Year, Battlefield High**



**Master of Ceremonies — District 8 Youth Chair Lou Filippone**

**WELCOME HOME!**  
**~ A Nation Honors our Vietnam  
 Veterans  
 and their Families ~**

May 11-13, 2023

The National Mall, Washington, D.C.

The countdown is underway for the **National  
 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.**

A number of events are being planned for the three days with most Veterans Service organizations to be in attendance.

Please use the following web link to learn more:

[https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/  
 welcomehome/](https://www.vietnamwar50th.com/welcomehome/)



Come out to Dean Park for a full day of fun with children's activities, fabulous music, touch a truck, bounce houses, rock wall, food trucks, and fireworks. Come help us say Happy Birthday Manassas!



Post 7589 will host a recruiting table with information and lots of giveaways.

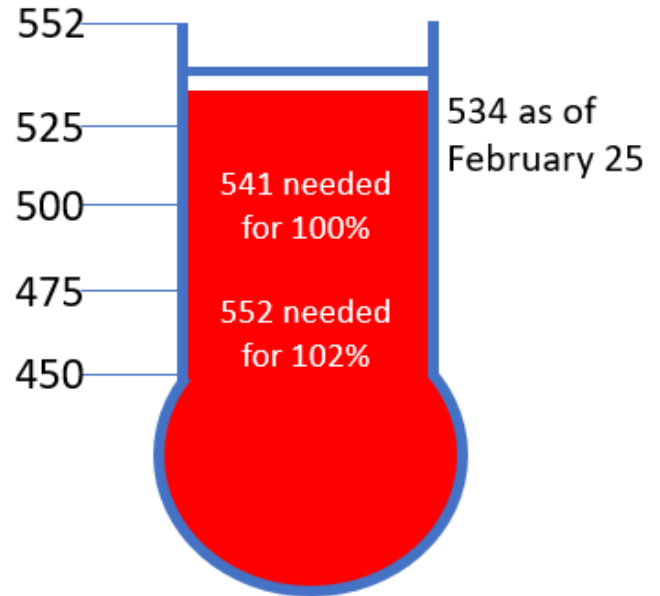
## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The VFW Department of Virginia is turning 100 this year and we are celebrating across the state with our members. Come join us at one of these seven locations. We will have food, fun, music, and giveaways. So, RSVP Online at one, or all these locations. Just click on any of the links You want to attend, to RSVP. We hope to see you there. These events are free to our members. It is you the membership who have made this Department the great organization that it is and it is you the membership we celebrate.

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| March 1, 2023, Post 9808, Mechanicsville  | <a href="https://VFW_VA_100_Mechanicsville.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_Mechanicsville.eventbrite.com</a> |
| March 4, 2023, Post 1503, Dale City       | <a href="https://VFW_VA_100_DaleCity.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_DaleCity.eventbrite.com</a>             |
| April 22, 2023, Post 2447, Edinburg, VA   | <a href="https://VFW_VA_100_Edinburg.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_Edinburg.eventbrite.com</a>             |
| June 3, 2023, State Convention Portsmouth | <a href="https://VFW_VA_100_Portsmouth.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_Portsmouth.eventbrite.com</a>         |
| August 26, 2023, Post 8163, Clarksville   | <a href="https://VFW_VA_100_Clarksville.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_Clarksville.eventbrite.com</a>       |
| September 16, 2023, Post 1264, Roanoke    | <a href="https://VFW_VA_100_Roanoke.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_Roanoke.eventbrite.com</a>               |
| September 23, 2023, Post 4667, Marion     | <a href="https://VFW_VA_100_Marion.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_Marion.eventbrite.com</a>                 |



**ANNUAL MEMBERS  
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



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

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

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

### Legacy Life membership

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

Enrollment Cost:

Annual Payouts:

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

### Member Incentives

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

**2022-23 Post Officers**

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

**2022-23 Auxiliary 7589 Officers**

|                       |                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| President             | Mary Corkhill                  |
| Senior Vice President | Ellie Smith                    |
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| Treasurer             | Elanor Doczi                   |
| Chaplain              | Cookie Cullen                  |
| Conductress           | Janet Raskin                   |
| Guard                 | Patsy Gough                    |
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## Upcoming Events

|            |   |
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| March 4    | Department 100th anniversary celebration — Post 1503, Dale City — 3-6PM<br><a href="https://VFW_VA_100_DaleCity.eventbrite.com">https://VFW_VA_100_DaleCity.eventbrite.com</a>  |
| March 6    | Post meeting — 7:30 PM  |
| March 11   | Institution ceremony for new Haymarket Post 12218 — 10 AM — RSVP to<br><a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/installation-of-vfw-post-12218-tickets-536355071457">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/installation-of-vfw-post-12218-tickets-536355071457</a>            |
| March 13   | Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM   |
| March 16   | Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM   |
| March 31   | Deadline for Auxiliary contests   |
|            |   |
| April 1    | Recruiting at Manassas 150th Birthday Party — Dean Park — 2-8 PM — Fireworks to follow  |
| April 3    | Post meeting — 7:30 PM  |
| April 10   | Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM   |
| April 15   | District 8 Convention — Nominations & Elections — Post 2524, Culpeper — 10 AM   |
| April 20   | Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM   |
|            |   |
| May 6      | Flag retirement — 10:00AM. A pizza party will follow for all attending.   |
| May 11—13  | National Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event — National Mall  |
| June 1– 4  | State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$149.00 per night. Group name: “Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2023”; Cut-off Date April 28, 2023. |
| July 22—27 | National Convention — Phoenix, AZ   |

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