

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
March 2024



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February 15, 2024 - Auxiliary 7589 President Mary Corkhill presented a \$500 donation from the Post to JROTC instructor TSgt Tina Laing at Unity Reed High School. Additional photos on page 4.

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CANNON NEWS—Multiple award winner at both the state and national level.

Commander's Message



Wayne Moore



In a world where self-righteousness reigns supreme, we memorialized 4 men whose convictions were put to the test. To a man, it wasn't about them. Their sense of right and humility left a legacy of valor, courage, and sacrifice worthy of remembrance if not emulation.

The **Four Chaplains** also referred to as the **Immortal Chaplains** or the **Dorchester Chaplains**, were four World War II chaplains who died rescuing civilian and military personnel as the American troop ship *SS Dorchester* sank on February 3, 1943, in what has been referred to as the second-worst sea disaster of World War II.^[1] The *Dorchester* was a civilian

liner converted for military service in World War II as a War Shipping Administration troop transport. She was able to carry slightly more than 900 military passengers and crew.

The ship left New York on January 23, 1943, enroute to Greenland, carrying approximately 900 as part of a convoy of three ships escorted by Coast Guard Cutters *Tampa*, *Escanaba*, and *Comanche*.^[3] During the early morning hours of February 3 the vessel was torpedoed by the German submarine *U-223* off Newfoundland in the North Atlantic.^[4] The chaplains helped the other soldiers board lifeboats and gave up their life jackets when the supply ran out.^[5] The chaplains joined arms, said prayers, and sang hymns as they went down with the ship.

The impact of the chaplains' story was deep, with many memorials and extensive coverage in the media. Each of the four chaplains was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart.^[6] The chaplains were nominated for the Medal of Honor, but were ineligible as they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. Instead, Congress created a medal for them, with the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

The 368-foot steamship *Dorchester*, operated by the War Shipping Administration, was part of a convoy that left New York in January 1943 bound for the Army Command Base at Narsarsuaq in southern Greenland.

To sail from Newfoundland to Greenland, the ship would have to navigate icy seas and pass through waters infested with German U-boats.

After midnight on Feb. 3, 1943, the *Dorchester* was torpedoed by a U-boat in the Labrador Sea off Greenland and went down in 20 minutes, according to official records. Of the 904 aboard, 675 drowned or died of hypothermia in the frigid waters. It was believed to be the worst single death toll for a U.S. convoy during WWII.

The *Dorchester's* loss is remembered most for the sacrifice of the "Four Chaplains" -- two Protestants, a rabbi, and a Catholic priest. They were all Army first lieutenants who went down with the ship.

Four Chaplains Day | Military.com 2/3/2024

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

Daylight Saving Time is when we lose an hour in March ("spring forward") and gain an hour in November ("fall back"). This will take place on Sunday, March 10th.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th and is associated with parades, special foods, music, dancing, drinking and a whole lot of **GREEN**. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on Sunday.

The VFW Legislative Conference is March 3-7, 2024 in Washington DC. All the Departments Voice of Democracy winners will be with the National Commander-In-Chief and Auxiliary President. If it is like the past years, the theme for the coming year will be announced after the award presentation.

National President, **Carla Martinez (from Layton, Utah)** will make her official visit to Virginia from March 17th to 19th, arriving in the Richmond area. She is scheduled to attend several Auxiliaries along with visiting the Virginia War Memorial and Richmond VA Medical Center.

The deadline of March 31, 2024 is fast approaching for the Illustrating America Art Contest (grades 1-8), Get Excited for the Red, White & Blue Singing Competition (grades K-12), and the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (grades 9-12). Please let us know if you need assistance in any of these contests.

The next District meeting will be held in Fredericksburg at Post 3103 on Saturday, April 6, starting at 10:00AM. An audit and election for District Officers is on the agenda.

The next flag retirement is scheduled for April 13th at 10:00AM. A pizza party will follow for all attending the event.

On a personal note: I would like to thank the Scouts for their assistance in making Valentine cards for the veterans. They were given to the VFW District 8 Auxiliary for delivery to the Richmond VA Medical Center (formerly McGuire).

For years, I have given information about the VFW National Home. You can apply for a \$50 Life membership, purchase a personalized brick or donate funds. If you know of anyone that needs assistance, their email is: <https://vfwnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>.

We have several members facing medical issues, so please say a special prayer for them and others 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



Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone has had a mild winter and is preparing for spring. Our last meeting was on Thursday, 15 February at the Post. The meeting was attended by Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, myself and Peter MacLeod by phone. The main topic of discussion was the rapidly approaching deadline for the VFW Scout of the Year program. As of this

writing we are still scrambling to secure a Post entry. We have several leads but nothing in hand at this time. The deadline for the contest is 1 March for our Post, mid-March for the District and 1 April for Department judging. The contest encourages Eagle Scouts, Venture Crew Summit award recipients, Girl Scout Gold AWARD recipients and Sea Scout Quartermasters who have risen above their peers and demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities to apply. This seems to be a challenging contest for us each year but somehow a candidate always materializes for us at the last minute. I will keep you informed of our status in the next newsletter.

Troop and Pack 1372, chartered by our Post, seem to have entered into a busy period with their activities and I will defer to Alex Bliem for a thorough report on this elsewhere in the newsletter. The Scouts recently completed a Camporee in Haymarket, a Cub Scout Pinewood Derby and a Blue and Gold Banquet. I do know that some of the Scouts and Junior Honor Society members also helped make Valentine's Day cards and dreamcatchers that were distributed to veterans in ten local area nursing homes along with socks. Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill along with assistance from other auxiliary members conducted this program on behalf of the District Auxiliary. Alex has been busy ordering backpacks and supplies for the scouts which he does every year. These items as well as the registration fees for financially disadvantaged new scouts are covered by the Paul Chase Youth Fund. Before he passed, Comrade Paul Chase made a generous donation to the Post in support of youth activities. We established a fund under his name and regularly use it to support worthy youth related causes such as Scouting and scholarship programs.

The deadline for the art contests is now upon us. The contests are sponsored by the Auxiliary and enable students of all grade levels to compete for scholarships and other awards. As mentioned in past newsletters, the contests include the Young American Patriotic Art Contest, the 3-Dimensional Art Contest, the Illustrating America Art Contest, and the Get Excited for the Red White and Blue National Anthem Singing Contest. The entry deadline is 31 March, so if you know of any students in elementary, middle or high school who possess artistic or vocal talents please

encourage them to enter one of the contests. Just speak to Mary Corkhill or anyone else on the Youth committee and ask us for an application or you can go on the National VFW website and obtain one. The competition starts at the Post level and goes up to Department and National. This is just another way our organization rewards patriotic and talented young Americans with a scholarship program.

We can now confirm our Spring Flag Retirement date as Saturday, 13 April. It will be held at the Post at 10:00AM. If you are interested in assisting with this event just let us know. Setup begins at 9:30AM and we should conclude just before noon. The event is well produced and organized by the Scouts of Troop and Pack 1372, although Scouts from other area units are invited. Following the event, there will be a pizza party for the Scouts and all the participants and volunteers. We hope you can attend and participate. In the event of rain or high winds our alternate date for the ceremony is the following Saturday, 20 April.

As spring approaches, we are preparing for our VFW Awards Presentations with Civil Air Patrol and JROTC programs in our area. We usually participate with Unity Reed, Osbourn and Battlefield High Schools with their JROTC programs. The Manassas area Civil Air Patrol Squadron is also included in this activity. Medals and awards certificates are presented to the winning Cadets. Information regarding these ceremonies will be released in upcoming newsletters once we receive it from the organizations and schools. It should be noted that our Post recently made generous contributions to the same three high schools. Unfortunately, our JROTC programs are suffering from temporary Congressional funding cuts and these programs are being adversely affected financially. We have historically always had a wonderful working relationship with these JROTC programs and their Cadre. There was no hesitation by our Post to financially support them when the need arose. They are the lifeblood of college ROTC programs and inspire many young Americans to join the military as adults after graduation. We must do all we can to support them in their time of need.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 21 March at 7:00 pm. Please come and join us. You'll be mentoring our next generation of young Americans, our future leaders and service members. That is a noble cause we all should take seriously and support with our participation. See you at the next meeting.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone,
Youth Committee Chair

Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

We have had a productive first half of our legislative session in Virginia.

Successes include several bills that have "crossed over" from either the House to the Senate or the Senate to the House.

The surviving Spouse, Died on Active Duty bills were introduced in both chambers and are identical, since they both crossed to the other chamber, it should be a proforma vote to get them on the ballot in November.

Our bill to end Claims Sharks in Virginia moved from the House to the Senate and we will need to watch it closely as it goes to sub-committee.

Similarly, the JLC bills for the National Guard moved from one chamber to the other and will require watching.

We will have an update next month with several other pieces of military and veteran legislation that we expect to see passed.



Post 7589 Commander Moore presented \$1000 to Osbourn NJROTC Commander Kim & Staff

VFW on the Hill March 3-7

Our fellow war veteran,

The moment you put on the uniform, you earned the respect of every single American for the rest of your life.

Congress too easily forgets this. So from March 3-7, VFW leaders from across the nation will unite on Capitol Hill for our annual VFW Washington Conference. During the week, they'll focus on meeting with congressional representatives to remind them of the promises they made to you. They'll urge them to crack down on unaccredited claims consultants known as Claims Sharks and end the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset, reminding them of their duty and responsibility to care for and protect our nation's veterans.

The VFW will be streaming the highlights live to ensure you don't miss a thing! Watch live at vfw.org/VFWDC2024 the evening of March 4 for the Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners, and on Wednesday morning, don't miss the VFW National Commander deliver important testimony on behalf of veterans before a joint hearing of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees.

Join the conversation online using #VFWDC2024, and check vfw.org/VFWDC2024 regularly for all the latest Washington Conference news starting March 3.

Respectfully,

Your VFW



Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill presented \$500 to Battlefield AFJROTC instructor SMSgt Shuler

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

February was a very productive month for all of our scouting units.

Our Venturing Crew has been hard at work trying to prepare for a mulch and coffee fundraiser. They are trying to raise money for their high adventure trip at Seabase in the Florida Keys. The crew also made some very nice cards that were given to the Auxiliary to be passed out at the Richmond VA Medical Center and several other centers for Valentine's Day. The crew also got together to test out their

cooking skills since they will have to cook for themselves while they are at Seabase, including cooking what they catch or they don't eat for certain meals.

Our two troops went on a couple of different trips. One was a skiing day trip to help them get their ski legs back in preparation for the bigger trip. Over the long Presidents Day weekend the scouts traveled to New York to spend the weekend skiing at Swain Mountain. VFW Post 2250 out of Hornell, NY was gracious enough to put our scouts up for the weekend with shelter and food. In return our scouts performed numerous service projects for the post. The scouts throughout the month also worked together on the Emergency Preparation merit badge and they started the First Aid merit badge again for the newer scouts.

Our Cub Scouts started the month off also creating cards for the Auxiliary to be passed out at the hospital. They did an awesome job. The Cubs also had their annual Blue and Gold Banquet which is basically a party celebrating the birthday of the BSA. During the Blue and Gold they also conducted a crossing over ceremony where one of our Cubs officially crossed over into our troop. The Cubs also spent time building and preparing their cars for the annual Pinewood Derby which was on 2/23. They had an awesome turnout and had a blast racing their cars. When the Cubs race was over some of the adults brought their own cars and everyone raced each other. It was a lot of fun.

Next month the scouts have some service projects planned. There is the adopt a road cleanup of the entire Signal View Dr. If the weather is good they will be planting shrubbery and flowers around the Post and working on the yard which should make it look very nice. The Scouting units have also been asked to help with painting the Post bathrooms in March. Hopefully we'll have more updates on those next month.

Be safe,

Alex & Tina Bliem
VFW Post 7589

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VFW Post 2250, Hornell, NY

VFW continues working the Claim Sharks bill



SUBMITTED PHOTO

(L-R) PDC Ken Wiseman, State JVC Doug Hoffman and Post 9808 member Paul Kelley

Our bill focuses on "preparing" claims as that is where the Sharks are focusing their efforts to make money. Basically, they use this argument to distract people from what they are doing.

Sharks make it seem like it takes forever to get a decision back from VA if you use an accredited person to handle your claim. That lie is debunked with the VA's own website showing the average time to process a claim. You can see the real, current average times for these claims by going to <https://www.va.gov/disability/after-you-file-claim/> (HINT: It takes about 5 months after you submit to get a decision.)

Sharks say they are better at getting claims approved. That is a wildly subjective statement, and there is no independent way to track or analyze their work because they don't put their names on anything, and they cherry-pick the stories they allow to go public about them. However, the VFW and other accredited groups are tracked by VA and told how we are doing. Sharks target veterans who had a bad experience with VA. This especially includes how Sharks target veterans submitting PACT Act claims. PACT Act claims have an extremely high rate of approval for veterans with a diagnosis and proper paperwork, so Sharks are billing for doing nothing.

The coming days will be us continuing to work with partners to ensure we are ready for the General Laws Committee hearing our bill will go through. As always, State JVC Doug Hoffman and I will keep you up to date on how things progress.

Doug and I especially thank Paul Kelley, a member of Post 9808, who joined us today for the visits. Post 9808 and their members continue to be a great source of support for this effort.

Ken Wiseman
Member, National Council of Administration
District 10 Commander
All-American Past State Commander
VFW Department of Virginia

Your VFW was at the General Assembly in Richmond [February 9] continuing our work to get HB736 adopted so we can ban Claim Sharks in Virginia. Our goal today was a visit with all 40 members of the state Senate, and we were able to get meetings with either staff or the Senator for more than half of the offices. We left materials with those we could not meet with so they can learn about the bill.

It is interesting to see some of the tactics and hear some of the lies the Sharks use. Some examples:

1. Calling members of the General Assembly and pretending to be constituents and veterans who oppose the bill. We have heard directly from a member of the House of Delegates that when returning several of the emails and calls, either the email was a bad address (rejected), or the person denied expressing opposition to the bill.
2. Sharks say they can get a claim prepared and a decision issued "faster" than accredited staff like the VFW employs. That is a lie because there is no way to prepare a claim faster or get it processed faster. Every veteran uses the same forms, follows the same rules, and goes through the same adjudication as every other veteran.
3. Sharks say they need to be allowed to prepare claims because there is a huge backlog of claims awaiting processing. That argument mixes "preparing" and "processing" claims, which are actually two different things. VA "processes" claims, not anyone else.

City of Manassas Memorial Day Veterans' Banners

By Jerry Martin

Beginning in 2022 Francis Cannon VFW Post 7689, along with American Legion Post 10 and the Freedom Museum, initiated a Memorial Day Veterans' Banner Program in the City of Manassas. The purpose of the program is to memorialize deceased veterans who have either given or dedicated their lives in service to our community. The inaugural program funded a total of eleven banners by the three organizations. To date, twenty-one banners have been displayed on Center Street during Memorial Day week. Francis Cannon Post continues the effort to memorialize veterans by funding additional banners. Among those honored have been the founder of our Post John Gregory, Post namesake Francis Cannon, WW2 Veterans and Past Commanders who fought as part of the Greatest Generation. In 2024 the names of Manassas City Police Officer John D. Connor III, the first officer in Manassas killed in the line of duty and Post benefactor Paul A. Chase are to be remembered with banners. Comrade Paul Chase, a longtime life member, was responsible for starting a recycling program that provided revenue for Post charities. Paul generously gave his time and financially supported many of our ongoing activities including a generous grant for scouting and youth scholarships.

FLOWERS OF REMEMBRANCE DAY ABOUT THIS DAY

The third annual Flowers of Remembrance Day pays homage to the 4,000 Unknown Soldiers interred throughout Arlington National Cemetery.

On Sunday, May 26, cemetery visitors will have the honor to walk the Plaza and place a flower before the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

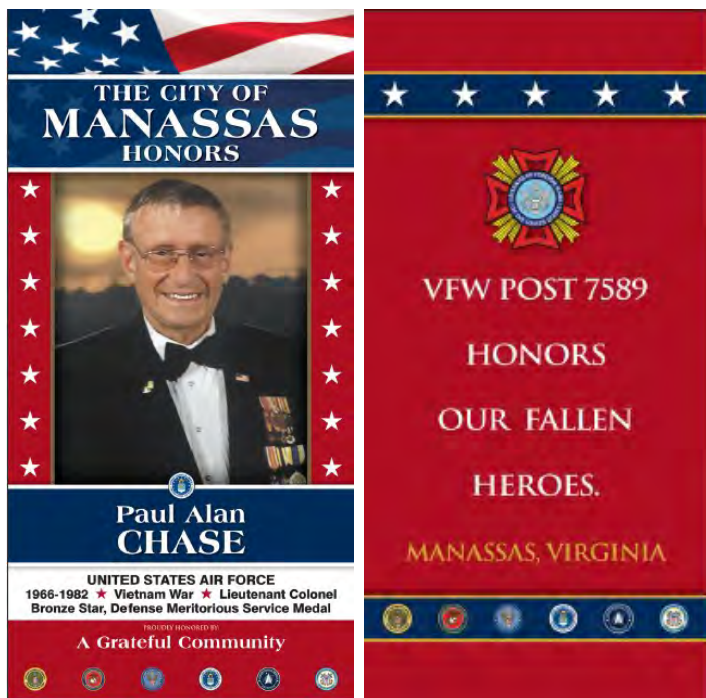
After exiting the Plaza, registered visitors who have sponsored a tote bag of flowers are asked to stop by the Memorial Day Flowers Foundation table to pick up their sponsored flowers for placement throughout the cemetery.

Register below to let us know when you plan to arrive at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Please consider sponsoring a tote bag of flowers.

Since 2011, the Memorial Day Flowers Foundation has worked with the Arlington National Cemetery administration to provide flowers to families, visitors, and volunteers for placement throughout the cemetery. In 2021, the Foundation had the honor to organize the flower tribute at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, commemorating the 100 years since its inauguration.



<https://memorialdayflowers.org/register-flowers-of-remembrance-2024/>





GUNNY LEWIS

American Legion Post 10 conducted a 4 Chaplains memorial ceremony on February 9. Six VFW members participated along with seven Post 10 members.

Post 7589 Service Officer

Monti Zimmerman

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VFW National Veterans Legislative Deputy Director Kristina Keenan speaks at a VFW press conference in front of the VFW Washington Office on Nov. 14 on Capitol Hill. She on behalf of VFW called on the Department of Justice to investigate unaccredited agencies, which VFW has dubbed "claim sharks," that require veterans to pay fees for their disability claims services.

VFW Says Don't Pay for Your Benefits

VFW Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento issued a powerful statement to veterans in November: Don't Feed the Sharks.

Sarmiento's message refers specifically to what VFW has dubbed "claim sharks," which are unscrupulous individuals or companies charging hefty fees to supposedly assist veterans with their VA claims. This is illegal and needs to be stopped, Sarmiento said.

"The bottom line is this: predatory claim shark companies are engaging in illegal activities," the Chief said. "There is no gray area here, no matter how much money they want to throw at it. Their

"The VFW is determined to stop predatory claim sharks and we are eager to serve alongside you in this fight."

VFW Commander-in-Chief Duane Sarmiento

latest collusion is a desperate attempt to avoid accountability."

During a VFW press conference on Nov. 14 on Capitol Hill, VFW National Veterans Legislative Deputy Director Kristina Keenan called on the Department of Justice to investigate unaccredited agencies that require veterans to pay fees for their disability claims services.

"The harm that unaccredited claims agents have caused veterans and survivors has been significant," Keenan said. "Several

[unaccredited claims agents] are even sponsoring veteran events and sporting events. They are doing everything they can to appear legitimate, while scamming people out of their benefits."

Since the claim sharks first emerged, the VFW has increased the pressure on these companies by passing legislation to crack down on their practices at the state level and is working to help veterans bring litigation against them. At the press conference, VFW expressed its support for the *GUARD VA Benefits Act of 2023 (S. 710)*, which would protect veterans from entities seeking to take their hard-earned benefits. If approved, the *GUARD VA Benefits Act* would reinstate criminal penalties for unaccredited claims representatives who charge fees to veterans for filing a disability claim.

"This fight may get a little messy in the coming weeks," Sarmiento warned, "But the VFW is determined to stop predatory claim sharks and we are eager to serve alongside you in this fight."

Furthermore, VFW has trained its more than 2,300 VFW-accredited service officers on how to handle claim sharks. VFW will continue to seek out veterans who need help getting out of these predatory contracts.

For more than 100 years, VFW has worked tirelessly to advocate for veterans and their earned benefits. In the last year alone, more than 550,000 veterans received more than \$13 billion in benefits from VA through VFW's global network of VA-accredited service officers. Not a penny of this \$13 billion went to VFW. It all went to the veterans, as the law requires.

A flyer with information about claims sharks can be found on vfw.org. The direct URL for the flyer is: <https://vfw.org-cdn.a2zincdgy.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/PACT-Act/Don't-Feed-the-Sharks-One-Page-Print-Friendly.pdf>.



DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



DontFeedTheSharks.org

What is a "Claim Shark"?

- A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims – this practice is illegal!
- Claim Sharks are not VA accredited, meaning they aren't required to adhere to the well-established professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation, so their advice can often be misleading or even fraudulent.
- Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating, no matter who does the work.

Some of their predatory practices are:

- Promising or guaranteeing an increased disability rating or percentage increase.
- Advertising expedited VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access a veteran's personal information through secure VA websites like eBenefits or VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.

Who are the Claim Sharks?

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| ✦ Trajector Medical | ✦ Patriot Angels |
| ✦ Vet Benefits Guide | ✦ Veteran Care Services |
| ✦ Veterans Guardian | ✦ VetComm |
| ✦ VA Claims Insider | ✦ VA Claims Academy |
| ✦ Telemedica | ✦ Vet Assist |

Veterans can protect themselves by:

- Always working with VA accredited representatives.
- Attending all exams ordered by VA.
- Not signing contracts.
- Not agreeing to fees or payments from future benefits.
- Not agreeing to pay for medical consultations or opinions.
- Not providing access to Protected Health Information or Personal Identifiable Information.

Who is NOT a Claim Shark?

- VA accredited veterans service organization representatives, like the VFW
- VA accredited claims agents
- VA accredited attorneys
- Attorneys assisting with Camp Lejeune lawsuits who do not charge excessive fees





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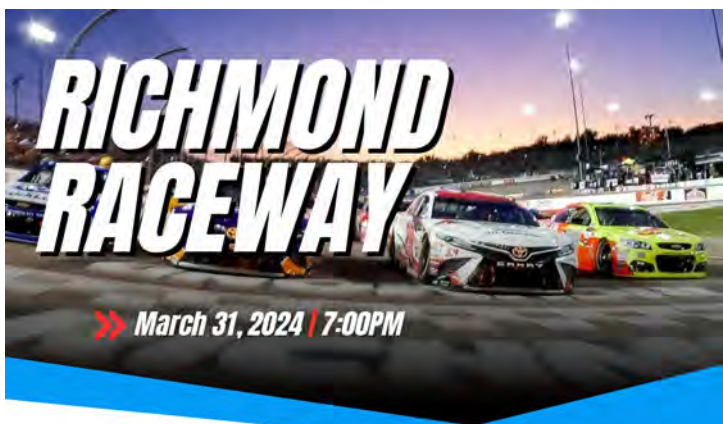
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Manassas Ballet Theatre is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Prince William County, and the City of Manassas

Upcoming Events

March 4	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
March 8—10	Manassas Ballet Theatre presents “Carmina Burana & More” at the Hylton Center
March 11	Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM
March 17—19	Auxiliary National President Carla Martinez visits Virginia
March 21	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
March 31	Deadline for Auxiliary Patriotic Art and Singing Contests
April 1	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
April 6	District 8 Convention—Post 3103 — Fredericksburg — 10:00 AM
April 8	Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM
April 18	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM

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

Enrollment Cost:

Annual Payouts:

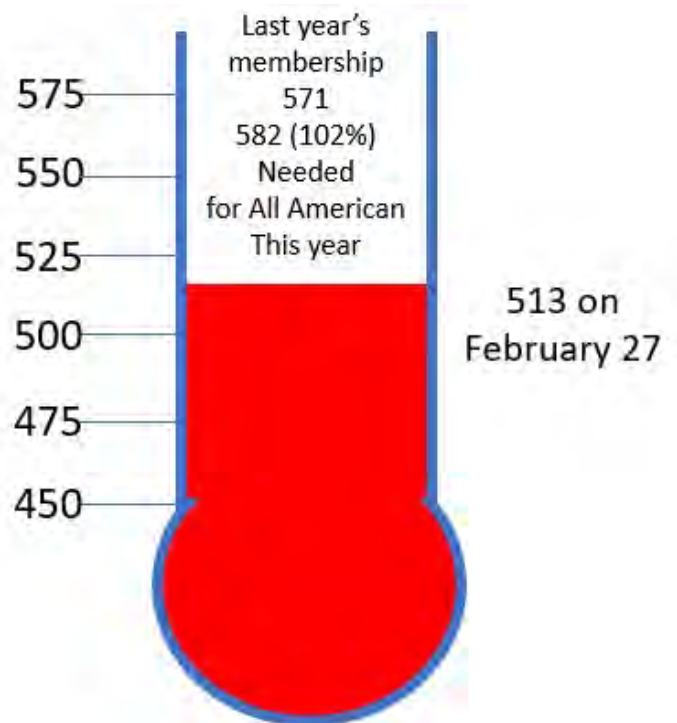
Levels	Posts	Departments	National
Gold- \$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

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

ANNUAL MEMBERS

PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP



2023-24 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Bobby Knight
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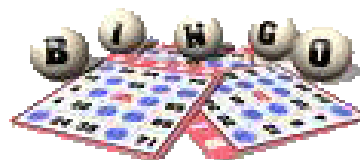
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