

# CANNON NEWS

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## Auxiliary President's Report

Mary Corkhill



I would like to thank the Auxiliary members who assisted the American Legion Post 10 with the WWII Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, February 22nd. They started setting up the hall on Saturday and were ready to receive guests on the day of the event. The Auxiliary individuals were: Nancy Dazzo, Ginger Harvey, Janet Raskin, Diane Zalenski and Rebeccah Christovich. Congratulations for a job well done.

By the time this news article comes out, the American Creative Art Contest deadline has passed. I will report the results in next month's news article. I would like to thank the Comrades and Auxiliary members for their assistance in promoting the National Auxiliary Patriotic Arts program. Our Auxiliary first place winner's art work will be forwarded to the state level for judging. If her art work is selected first at the state level, it will be forwarded to National Headquarters in Kansas City, MO for judging. The first place winner at the National level will receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

The election for 2015-2016 Officers will be held on Monday, April 6th during the monthly meeting. The newly elected officers will take their positions after the Department Convention in June 2015. Please consider holding an office for your Ladies Auxiliary.

I would also like to remind the members who have NOT paid their 2015 dues, you have until June 30th. If your 2015 dues are not paid on that date, you will NOT be a

member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and you will have to reapply for a new membership and your time as a member will have to start over. If you are unfortunately diagnosed with cancer, you will not be eligible, during and after the year waiting period, for the Cancer grant.

The National Organization policy for that 2016 dues is to be paid by December 31, 2015. Please pay all dues for 2015 and 2016 of \$20 to the Auxiliary Treasurer Eleanor Doczi, 7415 Roxbury Dr., Manassas, VA 20109. Thank you in advance.

The 8th District meeting will be held on Sunday, April 12th in Culpeper, VA at 1:00pm. District elections will be held for the 2015 -2016 Auxiliary year. Remember to bring a gift for the Cancer raffle. Please come and join us.

I would like to apologize for informing you of the fundraiser we were planning at Noodles & Company. Unfortunately, they had a policy change and the members of the Auxiliary decided to cancel the plans so we are looking for another location. We will let you know where and when our next fundraiser will be held. The funds we raise will go toward assisting the Veterans and their families.

The Auxiliary will hold a Buddy Poppy drive on Friday, May 22nd at the Giant in Wellington Shopping Center. The time will be from 9am until 2pm. We are also working on a Buddy Poppy Display for the Department Convention. If you would like to assist us in both events, please let me know at 703/361-8950.

Our annual Spring Yard Sale is May 16th from 7am-2pm. We are taking donations now until Friday, May 15th from 4-

8pm. If you wish to donate any items, please let any Auxiliary member know and we will pick up your donations or you can drop them off at the Post. Please call me at 703/361-8950. Thanks in advance for your donations.

We collect the Campbell soup labels for The National Home for Children in order to assist them in purchasing a new bus. We are requesting assistance from the public and the members of the Post and Auxiliary.

We had two members who lost a family member this month: Brooke Corkhill (who lost her grandmother) and Mary Corkhill (my aunt). Along with any Auxiliary member or their family members who are ill, hospitalized, or have passed on to their heavenly home, please keep them in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill  
Ladies Auxiliary President



## Service Officer's Report

Steve Botello



During our work with regional area veterans we often meet and work with other veteran organizations. Recently we met with and spoke to members of the Americans in Wartime Museum. This organization is working on a special project called "Voices of Freedom".

This project provides wartime veterans with a means to record their stories of military service and sacrifice. Veteran stories are captured on video within their own mobile recording studio.

A DVD will be provided to the veteran and the video will be retained at the Americans in Wartime Museum as well as the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.

We also have our own local TV show on the Comcast Community channel called Operation Freedom. Here we also interview our local veterans to learn and hear their stories of their military service, their lives prior to their service and also their

lives since serving.

We would like to give any veteran an opportunity to be interviewed for either show. If you are interested please contact me at: 1-703-659-0849 or email: [so7589@verizon.net](mailto:so7589@verizon.net). You will also be provided a DVD of your interview that you can keep and share with your family and friends.

Our Service Office Program exists to help and serve our veterans here in the Manassas/ Prince William area. If you know of a veteran in need please contact us and let us know. We will be there immediately.

Please feel free to contact our Service Officer Team at any time for questions, suggestions or other needs you may have at: [so7589@verizon.net](mailto:so7589@verizon.net) or call us at 1-703-659-0849 or just pull one of us aside and tell us a suggestion of service that we can provide.

Our number one goal is providing the best service to our veterans and their families.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of

our Veteran Service Officers and find out just what they can do for you! They are:

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Stephen Meade: 1-703-408-0875

Email: [SO2-7589@hotmail.com](mailto:SO2-7589@hotmail.com)

Our goal is simple here. We want to take care of all our veterans with the greatest level of service that our resources will allow. Thank you for your service!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach us at our VSO phone line: 1-703-659-0849 or Email: [SO7589@verizon.net](mailto:SO7589@verizon.net).

Thank you.

**Steven M. Botello**

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## Youth News and Notes

*Pete MacLeod—Youth Committee Chair*



Please make sure you come a little early to the April 6 Post 7589 General Membership Meeting. You will have a chance to meet and talk with two Manassas Boy Scouts who were in the competition for Scout of the Year. During the first 15 minutes of the meeting we will honor the two scouts, Ivan Lesefka and Royce Picot. Comrade Bob Lesefka is their Scoutmaster.

You may remember Royce. He competed for and won the Post Scout of the Year honors last year. This year he continues his hard work with projects that included: trimming plants and planting perennials and annuals as part of a landscaping update project at Birmingham Green Nursing Home. As part of that work he completed the Venturing Silver Award. He also worked as a Counselor at Camp Snyder, teaching young Cub Scouts skills such as archery and handicrafts. In addition to

that took care of the scout shop and has completed his Gold and Life Religious award. He is the recipient of the Four Star Award for receiving all religious awards.

The hard work that both these scouts put in this year is, in my opinion, proof of the value of organizations like the Boy and Girl Scouts. They are always looking for projects to better the community and help people. And it is amazing how many leaders of our country were Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts in their youth.

One thing we discovered at the March 19 Youth Committee meeting is how much work is ahead! But can you think of anything worthwhile that didn't involve some labor? Decisions still have to be made about a Yard Sale, fundraising projects and new goals. But we will definitely still be going all out to get as many students in the Manassas area involved in the new essay contests as possible. Over the past ten years at Post 7589 we have averaged between 100 and 300 students who have entered the contests and that is way above the

average for most VFW Posts in the state, even the large ones. And how have we done it? The answer is simple: interested and motivated teachers. Think about it! If you get one teacher to take part, you automatically are going to have about 30 entries. If you get 4 teachers, you have over a 100!

If you have ideas about how to involve youth with our Post or just are interested in doing something positive, please come to our next meeting of the Youth Committee at 7:00 pm, Thursday, April 16 at the Post. Our committee is made up of members of both Post 7589 and its Ladies Auxiliary.

And a plug for our VFW Recruitment Day on Saturday, April 6, 9am to 3pm at Tractor Supply, 10870 Balls Ford Road in Manassas. This is pretty simple too. Without a constant stream of new members, the VFW will die! We are in good shape at this Post but we can always use new veterans and the new ideas and leadership they bring. There is really only one way to get new members: Recruit, recruit, recruit!

### 2015—16 Essay Topics

Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8)  
"What Freedom Means to Me"

Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12)  
"My Vision for America"

## Notes from the trenches

By Paul Chase



Both our major political parties agree that the shrinking middle class has become a national security problem. There are too few at the top, too few in the middle and too many at the bottom of our and social and economic spectrums. Too many at the bottom rung are veterans. For a multitude of reasons the vast majority of individuals from the American Revolution to the present day who have died, shed blood and suffered to fight our nation's wars have come from the bottom of our social and economic ladders. That's not going to change unfortunately. But we as VFW activists on behalf of our fellow comrades can have a positive impact to help resolve this problem. Here are some of my suggested partial solutions:

1. Our country has the most generous GI education benefits of any country on earth. First we need to have a push from our VFW leadership and the VA for our veterans to use these benefits wisely. The promotion of what I call worthless "Why Is the Sky Blue" degrees via the GI Bill has got to stop. Link the GI Bill with degrees that have some job prospects! Next there should be degree counseling for GIs before they use their GI benefits. I see on the TV all the time on-line "Degree Mills" offering degrees in "hundreds" of fields. REALLY! How many of these degrees lead to a job in the current employment market? It's a sucker play for veterans who have sacrificed to get those benefits to fall into this trap.

2. Accountability for those who prey on veterans and disadvantaged. Unfortunately, "Accountability" has been diluted to nothingness. To use an old military term we need to: "Walk The Cat Back". Executives of Corporations who sell high risk deceptive loans to veterans need to Go To Jail (GTJ) not resign after ripping off vets for millions. VA executives who retaliate against "Whistle Blowers" who report

fraud against veterans need to lose their jobs and GTJ! The lack of accountability for those who illegally line their pockets and break the law has got to stop.

3. War is very profitable for those at the top and devastating for those at the bottom. Remember what President Eisenhower once said: "Beware of the Military Industrial Complex"! Why is it that lobbyists for major defense contractors peddling weapon systems to our elected officials that our troops don't need or want get paid more than our Secretary of Defense? Why is it that the CEOs of major Defense firms get paid more than 10 to 20 times as much as the President of the United States? I'd be okay with that except that the weapons they deliver are outrageously over budget, years beyond schedule and perform badly! Let's have some accountability for executives of weapons systems firms that waste money, deliver products that don't perform well, and are years behind schedule and thus put our comrades at risk.

4. As I said above, War is very profitable for those at the top. We need a congressional resolution that links a progressive "War Tax" with any vote to "Go to War". It is outrageous to pass on to our grandchildren the costs of our current wars because we do not have the courage to pay for them now. If our legislators knew there were tax consequences for Go To War votes they might be a little less inclined to "Pull The Trigger" so quickly. This is not some radical idea. To the best of my recollection there have been War Taxes for WW I, WW II, Korea and Vietnam! There are War Clouds on the Horizon. War sometimes is the only alternative, but let's not further enrich those at the top and further victimize those who will bear the burden of doing the dirty work.

—KEN LION—

Ken is another of Post 7589 comrades who deserves special recognition. He is a true

native Manassas man born and raised here. In fact, believe it or not, he was in the same first grade class with Pete Slusher who we recognized last month. Ken is Marine Corps WW II veteran, one of those that are known as the "Greatest Generation". He did flight line instrument repair on USMC F4U Fighters which were the most feared American weapons by the Japanese. He was assigned to USMC Station Ewa in Hawaii. While he was not there during the Pearl Harbor attack by the Japanese the base was devastated during the battle. Ken joined Post 7589 in 1950 and has been a pillar of strength and leadership of the Post. He served as Post Commander from 1971-1972 and **again** from 1985-1986. He also served more years than he can count as Post Adjutant and Quartermaster. That's unmatched dedication! He began support for the Post 7589 Bingo program in 1990 and has been at it ever since. He has two sons, both Army veterans, one of whom served in Vietnam. Ken you're a treasure and we honor and salute you and your dedication to your fellow comrades.



Ken Lion — Photo by Rick Raskin

—QUALITY SERVICE—

It does not take a brain surgeon to know that we all want to receive quality service in our daily lives, especially if we have paid or it or it is due us for having served in uniform. There are three ways we can improve the quality of service in our lives. 1. Recognize and reward those who

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provide exceptional service. This is pure and simple "positive reinforcement" action which will motivate further good service. 2. Make known to individuals your disapproval of their unacceptable service. If the deficiency is significant report it or speak to the individual's supervisor. 3. Set an example yourself for exceptional service. Most of us in some way large or small provide some service to our fellow members of the human race. If you fail to live up to your own high standards apologize and be determined to do better.

### —MY RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH THE VA—

My bank accidently changed my account number which caused my direct deposit check from the VA to be sent back to the government. I was prepared for the fight of my life to get things fixed. I called the VA help line at 1 800 827-1000 and an automated voice instructed me to use my touch phone to select an appropriate option, which in my case was changing or correcting accounts. The phone said: "All available service providers are busy at this time - hold on the line and the VA system

will schedule a time **when they will call you.**" All this was automated. Fully expecting the next appointment would be in three weeks, I was pleased to hear the system give me an appointment between 10:15 and 10:30 the next day. Sure enough I got a very courteous human voice calling me right on time. After answering a few verification questions she was able to instantly see my problem and solved it right then and there. I was profusely thankful for her outstanding service and must congratulate the VA for putting into place a system that was responsive to my needs.



By Joel Chase

Doug Sterner is the administrator of a database called "Military Times Hall of Valor" that lists many of the higher tier valor award recipients and their citations.

I have been helping Doug retype General Order citations for inclusion in the database for a few years. Doug sends me a batch of Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and Soldier's Medal recipients and I

would "two-finger" retype them to send them back to Doug. That got old, so I got Dragon Voice Recognition software and began pumping out the citations from the General Orders. To date we have recorded nearly 400,000 citations which is larger than the database kept by the Pentagon.

So what does this accomplish? It preserves the honor of true heroic deeds that might otherwise be forgotten or go unrecognized by future generations. and it gives surviving family members something to cherish. This process also serves to identify fakers who claim to have received decorations but have no General Orders to document their claim.

If you know of a recipient of a Silver Star or higher, and they are not listed in the "Military Times Hall of Valor" database, I can help get their name included. I will need a copy of their General Order of the citation.

The Military Times Hall of Valor database is available at:

<http://projects.militarytimes.com/citations-medals-awards/>

Please contact me at: [joelchase07@comcast.net](mailto:joelchase07@comcast.net) if you have a potential entry.

## DoD Authorizes GWOT-EM for Freedom's Sentinel

Operation Freedom's Sentinel is now a qualifying operation for award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. The Defense Department said the award is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2015. Service members deployed to Afghanistan for Operation Freedom's Sentinel continue to be awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Troops deployed abroad in support of Freedom's Sentinel, but stationed outside of the campaign medal's area of eligibility, are now eligible for award of the

GWOT Expeditionary Medal. Also now authorized are service stars on medals or ribbons to reflect multiple deployments. The GWOT-EM, as well as the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, are VFW membership qualifiers. Read more about the Pentagon's policy change at: <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=128351&source=GovDelivery>.

### Choice Card Survey:

The VFW has commissioned a second survey to poll members on their experiences accessing the Veterans Choice Program. Thank you to those who have taken the second survey. Your participation has allowed the VFW to continue to keep its

finger on the pulse of this important program and evaluate progress as the Veterans Choice Program enters its fifth month. If you took our first survey, but have not taken the second survey, which went live on February 6, 2015, please help us track any changes in your experiences. If you are taking this survey for the first time, your input is critical to holding VA accountable for delivering timely non-VA care options to veterans.

Take the survey here: <https://www.research.net/s/VFWChoiceSurvey2>. To learn more about the Veterans Choice Program or to share your stories with us, please visit: <http://www.vfw.org/VAWatch/>.

## Post parking lot finally gets paved

by Rick Raskin

It's taken years but we finally took the plunge and began paving the Post parking lot. After a particularly hard winter of snow and ice the lot had turned into a quagmire.

Rather than add more stone we decided to proceed with paving.

We've had a very successful year with Bingo and hall rentals so I had earlier started squirreling away money for just such a project.

After receiving estimates we decided on a contractor who was not only best cost but also a frequent renter of our facility. It's nice to sort of keep it in the family.

After settling on the basic paving the contractor suggested we apply millings (recycled asphalt chips) to the remainder of the lot. A special meeting was called and the additional funds approved.

As paving proceeded we enquired about the cost to pave up the south edge of our building (the end facing the firehouse). Since equipment was already on site the contractor offered a price we couldn't refuse. Without sufficient time to call a special meeting Commander Ron Link, Building Manager Wayne Moore and I decided

to commit to the additional funds through donations. I committed to make up any shortfall so that we could get started. All that being said, we finally got it done. The contractor even agreed to do striping at no additional cost.

Donations are coming in. Each donor will receive a letter citing their donation and will also be named in a future edition of Cannon News. Amounts will be kept confidential.

If you would care to donate please send a check made out to VFW Post 7589 to:

VFW Post 7589  
PO Box 10206  
Manassas, Virginia 20108-0668

## VA Expands Eligibility for Choice Program

VFW Action Corps Weekly, March 27, 2015

On Tuesday [March 24], VA announced it would change the way it calculates distance when determining eligibility for the Choice Program. Currently, VA calculates travel using "as the crow flies," or straight line distance. Due to veterans' concerns

and the VFW's work on this issue, VA will soon align the Choice Program with its Beneficiary Travel Program, which calculates the shortest route to a VA medical facility using driving distance instead of straight line distance. The change will take effect after VA publishes an interim final rule through the federal register, which it intends to do soon. The change is estimated to expand eligibility to an additional 300,000 veterans who drive more than 40 miles to their nearest VA medical

facility. However, distance will continue to be calculated to the nearest VA medical facility, which includes a community based outpatient clinic, regardless if that facility provides the care a veteran needs. Read the VFW National Commander John W. Stroud's statement here: <http://www.vfw.org/News-and-Events/Articles/2015-Articles/VFW-Statement-Regarding-VA-%E2%80%98Crow-Flies%E2%80%99-Rule-Change/>.

## New Training and Support Section on vfw.org!

VFW National Headquarters is pleased to inform you of the recently developed **VFW Training and Support** section on [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

The **VFW Training and Support** section has been designed to streamline your experience in your quest for the valuable training tools and resources you need to help lead the VFW into the future. In this new section you'll find VFW-produced materials ranging from membership recruiting and Post meeting training videos

to chairman guides, brochures, fact sheets, applications and promotional material.

Access to the page is gained by logging into the website and selecting the "**VFW Training and Support**" link in the left column of the My VFW page.

We encourage each of you to explore the **VFW Training and Support** section to see all of the tools and resources that are available to you!

You may soon notice that some links currently available on the My VFW page will no longer be displayed. To access the material previously available via these links, please proceed to the **VFW Train-**

**ing and Support** section.

Please note, the **VFW Training and Support** section remains a work in progress. Some materials may still reside in the document repository or are in the process of being updated.

We appreciate your patience as we continuously work to provide you with the training tools and resources you need, all in one place. If you have any questions, please contact the communications department at: [communications@vfw.org](mailto:communications@vfw.org).

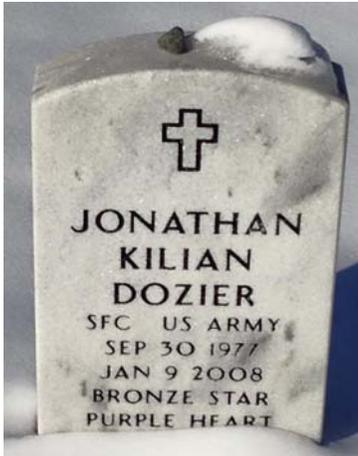
Thank you,  
VFW Communications Team

## The meaning of coins and stones on headstones

by Chris Mulholland, Commander, VFW SSG Dozier Memorial Post 2894, Chesapeake, VA

With Memorial Day coming up shortly, visitors to military gravesites may be presented with the sight of pebbles stones, or coins on top of headstones. Here's the story behind this tradition.

### —STONES—



There are several explanations as to why visitors leave small stones or pebbles on someone's grave. And it is not strictly a Jewish tradition. For thousands of years, people were buried in tombs or directly in the earth where they had fallen. Stones were then rolled in front of a tomb as a way of sealing it from scavengers and keeping evil spirits from escaping out into the world.

For those buried in the ground, rocks and stones were placed on top of the usually shallow grave to keep animals from digging up the body. These stacks of stones were known as *cairns*. Cairns can be found all over the world and vary in size from a few rocks to man-made hills.

Cairns were built not only as funeral monuments but also for ceremonies and defense. Today they are still constructed to mark trails, as seamarks, as sculpture, and as memorials.

Another reason rocks were left on the grave was based on an Eastern European folklore belief that the dead could haunt their burial place, or return to their family and cause trouble. Stones and rocks were used to prevent the deceased from rising up and escaping the body as a spirit, to torment others.

It is also a Jewish custom to place a stone or pebble on a headstone to indicate that you have visited the grave and to indicate respect for the deceased. Adding a stone was also seen as taking part in the Mitzvah of Matzevah or the 'setting of stone.'

Today, leaving a stone of remembrance is viewed more as a way of continuing this tradition of commemoration. The more stones found at a grave, the more the deceased has been visited and remembered by others. An example would be the scene in *'Schindler's List'* when the people that Oskar Schindler saved visit his grave and honored him by placing stones upon it.

Symbolically, the stones can indicate many things: that love and remembrance are as strong and as lasting as a rock; that as a stone lasts forever so too does love; and that the deceased is with God, since the Old Testament refers to God as a rock, as in Psalm 18:2 -- *"The Lord is my rock..."*

Regardless of how the custom came about, it is still an incredible way to remember and respect those who have passed on. Leaving a stone or pebble is a gesture of appreciation for the strong and lasting impression a person has made upon your life. What a wonderful way to leave a lasting tribute of love and honor at the grave site.

### —COINS—

Coins have a long tradition of being placed on the grave markers of soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



Of course, it has different meanings depending on the culture. The ancients would place coins on the eyes of the deceased with a belief that it would cover the fee to cross the river Styx. The tradition

of leaving coins with members of the military, especially men or women who have died in combat, dates back to the Roman Empire.

For the United States, the practice became popular during the Vietnam War. With all of the political turmoil in the 60's and 70's surrounding the war, it was a way for friends and comrades to visit a fallen friend and leave a marker to the family that someone had been there to pay respect, without having to contact the family directly, and possibly making a bad situation worse.

Each coin denomination has a different meaning. A friend or a simple acquaintance leaves a penny. Someone who has been through boot camp or other training with the deceased, leaves a nickel. A person who was assigned to an adjoining unit of the deceased may leave a dime. Someone who served in the same unit, or was with the serviceman or woman when he/she died, leaves a quarter.

Some Vietnam veterans leave coins as a "down payment" for a beer or a hand of cards until they are reunited.

This tradition has been held onto by members of the United States military. The money left at graves in national cemeteries and state veterans cemeteries remains in place for a time but is eventually collected and then put toward maintaining the cemetery or paying burial costs for indigent veterans.

And now you know the rest of the story...

### References:

- 1) Jeff Easterling, *"Tradition of Coins Left on the Grave-stone of a Soldier"*, (<http://kygl.com/tradition-of-coins-left-on-the-gravestone-of-a-soldier>)
- 2) Joy Neighbors, *"Leaving Stones on Graves"* (<http://agraveinterest.blogspot.com/2012/04/leaving-stones-on-graves.html>)

**LT Kenyon Anderson "Mustang" Award**



- 20-year naval career
- 2-time "Sailor of the Year"
- Accepted commission as Intel Officer in 2007
- Persian Gulf War Veteran
- Diagnosed with cancer while preparing for a mobilization to Afghanistan in 2010.
- Passed away January 2, 2012
- Missed by all who knew him

AUSN and Commander, Intelligence Dominance Reserve Command (COMIDCRESCOM) is proud to honor the legacy and service of **LT Kenyon Anderson.**

The LT Kenyon Anderson "Mustang" Award is given annually to the most outstanding Junior Navy Reserve IDC Officer who is a prior enlisted sailor, soldier, airman or Marine and demonstrates outstanding leadership through the mentorship of other members of their command for the period from 01 January to 31 December.

Candidates must have gone beyond the call of duty to serve and protect this nation and to mentor their fellow shipmates, soldiers, airmen, and/or Marines. Points to be considered are:

- Mentorship
- Professionalism
- Teamwork

**All nominations are due on or before 15 February of each year.**

Please provide nominations to COMIDCRESCOM. The nomination should be dated for the previous year in which the award will be awarded.



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Every \$100 will sustain this program one year!

**Lt. Kenyon Anderson was a life member of Post 7589 when he passed away in 2012.**

**Elections of 2015-16 Post Officers  
 Post Meeting —April 6, 2015**

**Nominees to date:**

*Nominations remain open until the Post is ready to vote.*

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| <b>Commander</b>             | Pete MacLeod            |
| <b>Senior vice-Commander</b> | Steve Botello, Ron Link |
| <b>Junior vice-Commander</b> | Ryan Proctor            |
| <b>Quartermaster</b>         | Rick Raskin             |
| <b>Chaplain</b>              | Joel Chase              |
| <b>Trustee 3</b>             | Steve Meade             |

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## Upcoming Events

- April 4** Recruiting - Tractor Supply on Balls Ford Rd. — 0900 - 1500
- April 6** General Membership Meeting — Post Elections & Installation of officers — 1930
- April 12** District 8 Meeting & Convention — Post 2524, Culpeper — 1300
- April 16** Youth Committee Meeting — 1900
- April 18** Department Commander's and Auxiliary President's Homecoming, Harrisonburg, VA
- April 24, 25 & 26** Recruiting: Chantilly Gun Show —Friday 1300 – 2000, Saturday 0900 – 1700, Sunday 1000 – 1700  
Volunteers needed — Signup at Post meeting April 6 -- POC: Rick Raskin
- May 4** General Membership Meeting — 1930
- June TBD** Post Anniversary BBQ and Vietnam Veteran's Celebration
- June 1** General Membership Meeting — 1930
- June 11—14** VFW Department of Virginia Convention — Williamsburg, VA
- July 6** General Membership Meeting — 1930
- July 18—22** VFW National Convention — Pittsburgh, PA



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