

# CANNON NEWS

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Post 7589 Scout of the Year Christina Alvarez also won at District level and advances to State competition.

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## Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

I recently re-read Comrade Merle Hancock's obituary and recalled listening to his life as a WWII POW. This led to my curiosity to look at history's documentation on their plight. During WWII there were the German Death March (Germany) and the Japanese Death March (Philippines), in addition to the atrocity of the Holocaust. Over 6300 miles separated the countries, yet men's lust for power proved boundless.

Say the phrase "death march," and most Americans respond with a single word: Bataan. When Japanese troops overran the Philippines in 1942, they forced thousands of GIs and Filipino soldiers to march across sixty miles of the Bataan Peninsula in tropical heat with little or no food or water. Hundreds of Americans and thousands of Filipinos died in the five-10-day trek that came to be called the Bataan Death March, one of the greatest atrocities ever perpetrated against American fighting men.

But there was another death march inflicted upon American POWs during World War II -- a journey that stretched hundreds of miles and lasted three months. It was an odyssey undertaken in the heart of a terrible German winter fraught with sickness, death, and cruelty. Though experienced by thousands of GIs, it was all but forgotten by their compatriots.

**The Bataan Death March** (Philippines) on April 9, will turn eighty this year. The Imperial Japanese Army forcibly transferred 60,000–80,000 Filipino and American prisoners of war after the three-month Battle of Bataan in the Philippines during World War II. Approximately 2,500–10,000 Filipino and 100–650 American prisoners of war died before they could reach their destination at Camp O'Donnell. The reported death tolls vary, especially amongst Filipino POWs, because historians cannot determine how many prisoners blended in with the civilian population and escaped. The march went from Mariveles, Bataan, to San Fernando, Pampanga.

### STALAG IN POLAND

By early 1945, the war was going badly for the Germans. They decided to move POW camps (Stalags) father west. German guards divided the POWs into groups of 250 to 300, not all of which traveled the same route or at the same pace. The result was a diverging, converging living river of men that flowed slowly but predictably west and [later] south.

During the day, the prisoners marched four or five abreast, and at night were herded into nearby barns. With luck, a bed consisted of straw on a barn floor. Sometimes, however, the Germans withheld clean straw, saying the men would contaminate it and make it unfit for livestock use. On occasion, so many men crowded into a barn that some had to sleep standing up. And if no barn was available, this particular camp pilgrimage to nowhere lasted 86 days and covered over 600 miles.

On both fronts, the stories were the same. Long marches without food or water. The prisoners were forced to eat rats or whatever

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## Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



April Fool's Day occurs every year on **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. Also known as All Fool's Day or Foolish Day, this is a day to play practical jokes and pranks on your friends and family. Although this is a day for fun, it is not a holiday, and so businesses and schools respect normal working hours.

Easter Sunday is April 17, 2022 and is a major Christian holiday which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ three days after his death. As with many other Christian celebrations, it is considered to be a Moveable Feast. Its date always falls on the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical full moon, which happens between March 21 and April 25. Easter Sunday is not a public holiday, therefore most stores are open, as they follow Sunday business hours.



How the tradition of the Easter bunny became part of the American culture: Some sources say that in the 1700s German immigrants transported their tradition of an egg-laying hare called "Osterhase" or "Oschter Haws" to the U.S.

Their children made nests in which this creature could lay its colored eggs. Eventually, the custom spread across the U.S. and the fabled rabbit's Easter morning deliveries expanded to include chocolate and other types of candy and gifts, while decorated baskets replaced the nests.

**HAPPY EASTER!!!!**

From the VFW National Auxiliary Headquarters that is promoting the first-ever "Support the VFW's Inaugural Day of Service". The Day of Service on May 7<sup>th</sup> is an initiative that invites VFW Posts, members, veterans of every stripe and community advocates to unite and host a community service event on this day and throughout the month of May.

The Auxiliary will be hosting two events in May: an Italian dinner for the comrades on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM and a pizza party for the children after the flag retirement event on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend both events.

Ms. Cathy Graham and Ms. Georgette Bannon are the two candidates running for the National 6<sup>th</sup> District Council that support both Virginia and West Virginia. We wish them both success in their campaigns.

Please mark your calendar for the next District meeting to be held at Culpeper Post 2524 on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM. There will be an audit before the meeting. Election of new District officers is on the agenda. Please consider taking a position.

From the National VFW Home for Children website:  
*"Participating families are welcomed to our small-town community where they may live for up to four years as they work with their case manager to set and accomplish major life goals. [To] find out if the National Home program is right for you and your family, call us today [800-313-4200] to speak with our*

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## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes all our members are having a pleasant spring and are staying healthy. We held our last meeting on 17 March at the Post. Those in attendance were Commander Wayne Moore, Adjutant Ron Link, Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Peter MacLeod, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. Alex provided us with an update on the Post Sign Restoration Project by Life Scout Ethan Williams from Troop 1372. Apparently an application has been

made for a permit from the city to proceed with the sign restoration. By this time Scout Williams should have received approval from his Scout leaders for this project qualifying it as his Eagle Scout Project. He plans on giving the Post a presentation on his project at the next general membership meeting where he will discuss the details of the restoration. We are all so appreciative for all that Scout Williams and Troop and Pack 1372 do for us.

The deadline for the Patriotic Art Contest as well as the Young American Creative Art Contest and the Get Excited for the Red White and Blue Anthem Singing Contest is 31 March. Please get all your entries to Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill as soon as possible since Department judging for all three contests is 10 April. The art contests recognize the patriotic artwork of our students. The entries can be from a variety of different art mediums and each year spectacular works of art are submitted by our students. Let's hope our Department winners are successful at National.

Just a reminder regarding our Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony. It is scheduled for Saturday, 7 May at the Post at 9:00 AM. Set up is scheduled for 8:00 AM. A pizza party in honor of the Scouts will follow the ceremony and is generously being provided by the Post Auxiliary. We need some volunteers for the event so please let us know if you can attend and help us out. We should have a good number of flags to retire at this event since we have been accumulating them throughout the fall and winter. In addition to our very own Troop and Pack 1372 we will also be inviting Scouts from nearby Scout Troops and Packs as well as Post and Auxiliary members. We will also reach out to the Daughters of the American Revolution who usually participate with us at our Flag Retirement Ceremonies.

We recently held our Post and District Scout of the Year judging and selected our Post and District winners! The Post level judging was held on 7 March and the results are as follows:

- 1st Place - Christina Alvarez from BSA Girls Troop 893G, Girl Scout Troop 1500, and Venture Crew 893
- 2nd Place - Joseph Bliem from BSA Troop 1372
- 3rd Place - Riley Kotlus from BSA Troop 1369

All three Scouts will be recognized in the near future, most likely at our May Post general membership meeting. Once I can confirm their availability I will schedule the ceremony and announce the time and date in an upcoming email.

Eagle Scout Christina Alvarez advanced to the District judging and went on to win at the District competition. The Second place winner was Eagle Scout Ethan Polster. Likewise, both Scouts will be recognized at the 9 April District 8 meeting in Culpeper at Post 2524. We hope to see you at both award ceremonies.

Eagle Scout Christina Alvarez will represent District Eight in the Department competition. Her accomplishments are truly impressive as are those of all the winners in this year's Scout of the Year contest. We are so very proud of all our Scouts and hope Christina Alvarez is successful at the Department level competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Adjutant Ron Link and Comrade Peter MacLeod for providing me with so much assistance throughout the year. Recently Ron has been called upon to provide the Youth Committee with certificates for all the student, teacher and Scout award ceremonies at both the Post and District level. In addition he produced certificates for every Post Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy participant. Peter MacLeod, my indispensable Youth Committee member, also deserves recognition. Earlier in the season he had been working tirelessly to recruit schools and students for our essay contests and is currently distributing certificates and pens to all the participating students. This entails visiting multiple Middle and High Schools and distributing awards, ensuring that all students in our programs receive recognition for all their hard work writing and submitting their essays. All students will receive one of Ron's certificates plus either a VFW pen or pen and pencil set. A big thank you to both Ron and Peter!

Lastly we have some dates for the JROTC and CAP award ceremonies. The VFW recognizes JROTC and CAP cadets annually and presents each winning candidate with a certificate of achievement and a medal. Our Post usually presents VFW cadet awards to three area high schools and one CAP squadron. Please save the following dates for two of the four ceremonies.

Battlefield High School – Wednesday, 20 April 2022 - 6:00 PM. A pizza dinner will be followed by the 7:00 PM awards ceremony which concludes at 8:30 PM. Cadet Daryan Behnam will receive the VFW Bronze cadet award.

Osborn Park High School - Monday, 23 May 2022 - 6:00 PM

We are still awaiting information regarding Unity Reed High School and the Prince William Composite Squadron CAP. Once information becomes available regarding these award ceremonies I will announce them in a future email or newsletter.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 21 April at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us on the Youth Committee. I know you'll find it extremely rewarding and the kids appreciate it as well.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair



## Scouting Report



**Alex & Tina Bliem**  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

March has seen the Scouts getting out and having a “just for fun” camping trip at Prince William Forest Park. They played games, cooked food and enjoyed the outdoors. The beginning of April will bring a district-wide fishing/camping trip called the Trout-O-Ree, and May will have a wilderness survival camping trip where they will build their own shelters from scratch and learn various survival skills. The older Scouts also performed another road clean-up on the stretch of road that they adopted years ago. Every time they

clean the road they always collect many very large trash bags full of garbage that was littered on the ground. This is a good way for them to serve their community by keeping it clean and safe.

Our Troops also held their annual Order of the Arrow elections this month. An OA member/Scout was brought in from their lodge to oversee the election. The elected Scouts now have to attend and survive their “ordeal” before their membership in the OA is official.

Our Venturing crew enjoyed an evening of racing at the Autobahn Raceway in Manassas. They are also planning a possible multi-day kayaking trip in the coming months when it is warm enough to be on the water. They are also discussing other high adventure type trips this summer.

Our Cubs had their district-wide Pinewood Derby this month which was a lot of fun again for all of the young Cubs and families. They also had their monthly Pack meeting at our Post where the Scouts were awarded several rank advancements and numerous other awards that they earned.

We also have several Eagle Scout projects underway. With any luck our Troops will have several new Eagle Scouts this year. One project is replacing the sign in front of our Post home which should be underway in the next month or two barring any permitting/design issues. Another is placing a shaded area in the dog park at Costello Park for dogs and their humans to escape the sun. The third is building a few benches and a pulpit to be used outdoors at a church down in the Richmond area.

Until next time, please stay healthy and happy.

Alex & Tina Bliem  
VFW Post 7589  
Troop(s), Pack, Crew 1372



**Our older Venturers getting ready to race.**



**Two Cubs with their moms after being awarded their first rank.**

# Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

The legislative session ended on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

All seven JLC Initiatives for 2022 had bills covering them.

#1 HB 403 a budget amendment (Suicide Prevention-a budgeted increase). Passed-budget provided

#2 HB 957 Provides a “local option” for each jurisdiction to decide if it will provide tax relief to the surviving spouses of those who died on active duty not caused by enemy.

Passed through the House.& Senate at governor’s desk.

#3 HB 17 & SB 618 to protect veteran service organizations providing firing parties for funeral and honor guard, parade and color guards with prosecution for being “illegal militia.”; Passed and at the Governor’s desk

Additionally:

HB 120 Provides free Virginia hunting and fishing licenses for 30% disabled veterans. Special hunting and fishing license for certain disabled veterans. Authorizes resident veterans who have a service-connected disability of at least 30 percent to receive from the Department of Wildlife Resources, at no cost or a reduced cost depending on the veteran’s disability rating, a lifetime license to hunt and freshwater fish. Current law authorizes the provision of such licenses at no cost to a veteran who is totally and permanently disabled and at half-cost to a veteran who is 70 percent disabled. Passed through the House.& Senate at governor’s desk.

HB 1128 & SB 528 Passed through the Full Senate. The compromise bill has no emergency clause (so the benefit will start with tax year 2022-next year), has an age 55 requirement, will reduce taxable retirement pay for retired Veterans 10k year one, 20k year two, 30k year three, and 40k the fourth year on. Conference results. All budget related items have been pushed to a pending special legislative session that has not yet been called by the governor.

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they could scavenge. Often drinking contaminated water. Diseases were rampant such as pneumonia, diphtheria, pellagra, typhus, trench foot, tuberculosis, with dysentery as the chief complaint of the POWs.

Post 7589 was fortunate to have several WWII POWs as members and got the opportunity to listen and share military experiences. May their service and sacrifices to the nation continue to inspire us all. Numerous hours were also spent educating high school students throughout Prince William County.

Adapted from “A prisoner of the Luftwaffe” *Claude Watkins American Ex-POW Bulletin*

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*caring staff who will help you determine eligibility.”* 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/>. Congratulations to Ann Mitchell and Patsy Gough for purchasing your Life membership to the National Home for Children.

There are several individuals or their family members facing medical issues Please keep them, along with others who are ill or hospitalized, in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President

## Invitation to dinner



**The VFW National Home for Children**



The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime **opportunity** for military and veteran related families.

If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

Most qualify to apply. Caring staff will help families to determine eligibility.

**A Great Place to Call Home!**

**800-313-4200**

**ATTENTION**

**Comrades:**




You are cordially invited to an Italian Dinner



Provided by the VFW 7589 Auxiliary on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm

Post meeting will start at 7:30 pm





## Elizabeth Lewis, a living legend

By Jerry Martin

Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis at 101 years old is our Post's oldest living veteran. During World War II, Elizabeth served as a surgical nurse in both the European and Pacific theaters of operation. She treated over 2,000 wounded soldiers from 1943 to 1945.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

She was recently honored as a Living Legend by the Military Women's Memorial in Arlington, Virginia.

The Military Women's Memorial Living Legend Program recognizes military women whose stories of service provide inspiration and example for all to appreciate. These stories are deemed to be of interest or benefit to increase public

awareness of women's contribution to America's national defense and deserve special recognition. Proclamations can be issued for any one of the following reasons:

1. Women Veterans reaching their 100th birthday.
2. Women whose stories of service are particularly inspiring.
3. Retirements from a career of notable service.

Elizabeth was selected for 1 and 2.

The Mission of the Military Women's Memorial is to honor women, past and present, who serve our nation by sharing their stories of service. The Memorial educates the public and empowers other young women. The Living Legend Program serves to ensure these stories and these women are not forgotten.

Elizabeth is one of 54 women nationwide who have been designated a Living legend.

## Post Officer Nominations for 2022-23

Nominations remain open until the convening of the election at the April 4th Post meeting.

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Bobby Knight
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Ron Knowles
Trustee 2	Dave Mattingly
Trustee 3	Chris Morgan

## VFW Elects 20-year Army Veteran as Quartermaster General

'I'm so thrilled and honored to be in this position'



**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (March 21, 2022)** — Marc Garduno was elected quartermaster general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States today by special election of the National Council of Administration to fill a vacancy in the position due to the retirement of Debra Anderson.

"I'm so thrilled and honored to be in this position," said Garduno. "I'm going to do my best to support the awesome professionals and outstanding cadre of volun-

teers that make up the VFW."

Prior to his election, he held appointed positions as VFW assistant quartermaster general and served as a member of the VFW National Legislative Committee and the National Bylaws Study Group.

Garduno retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years as a chief warrant officer (CW3), human resources technician. His assignments included several tours in the Republic of Korea.

He joined VFW Post 8180, Seoul, Korea, in 2005, and currently maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at VFW Post 3238, Camden, Delaware. Garduno holds the distinction of being named a Triple Crown All-American Commander and led a VFW Outstanding Community Services Post in 2016.

After retiring from the Army in 2008, he held various civilian sector management positions to include several years as a project manager for a Department of Defense contracting company with service at the Joint Personnel Effects Depot, Dover Air Force Base, Delaware.

Garduno is a 2021 graduate of Wilmington University where he received a Master of Science degree in nonprofit management. He also holds a Bachelor of Science in organizational management from Wilmington University, and an associate degree in applied science from Fayetteville Tech.

[Marc was Delaware State Commander when I was Virginia State Commander — Rick Raskin]

## Watch live as the \$30,000 first place Voice of Democracy winner is announced

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is proud to announce it will host its annual Parade of Winners live on Facebook on April 7, 2022, at 7 p.m. CDT. The virtual event will recognize all VFW Department (state) winners of the VFW's 2021-2022 Voice of Democracy scholarship competition, as well as the National Patriot's Pen contest winner.



Sponsored by Twisted X, the virtual Parade of Winners will culminate with the live surprise announcement of the first place \$30,000 T.C. Selman Memorial Scholarship award.

“The VFW asked high schoolers ‘America: Where Do We Go from Here?’ and it is evident by the caliber of entries from this year’s state winners that the future of our country is incredibly bright,” said VFW National Commander Fritz Mihelcic. “Judging this year’s competition was tough, and the VFW is honored to be able to award more than \$3 million in total scholarships at the national, state and local levels.”

To ensure you stay up-to-date and receive all event notifications, visit the Parade of Winners event on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/634012827708404>, be sure to tap “interested,” then “going” on the event. To listen to the winning essay from your state go to <https://www.vfw.org/media-and-events/events/vfw-legislative-conference/2022-virtual-parade-of-winners>

Learn more about this year’s event at [vfw.org/ParadeofWinners](http://vfw.org/ParadeofWinners).

## Virginia charities on warpath over \$13 million gaming tax

By Paul Bedard

*Washington Examiner*

March 8, 2022

Several prominent charitable and fraternal organizations are calling on top Virginian leaders to kill a \$13 million tax scheme targeting electronic gambling in bingo halls needed to keep them in business.

At issue is legislation going to conference that would end the exemption for groups including police and veterans and philanthropies such as the Moose and Elks associations. Those groups use the money raised from legalized games to cover the costs of operations and donations.

“At a time when charitable giving is needed the most, these draconian bills raise taxes and increase bureaucracy on our volunteer organizations,” said a letter to top Virginia lawmakers involved in conferencing House and Senate legislation for a final vote.

The groups that signed the letter provided to Secrets were the Fraternal Order of Police, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, Moose Association, and Elks Association.

“Our organizations are among the largest, most charitable volunteer groups in Virginia and the United States. We give a great deal of our personal time as volunteers and many of our local posts and lodges rely on Virginia’s state-approved charitable gaming framework to help raise funds to support our membership and deliver charitable programming in our local communities in Virginia. These short-sighted bills could end, or severely curtail, much of that good work,” they wrote.

The legislation would end the tax exemption for police, veteran, and philanthropic groups and impose new licensing rules.

Those groups said they would be forced to pay a total of \$13 million and face costly regulatory scrutiny of their games, notably electronic pull tabs in bingo halls.

“The General Assembly should not be punishing those that have played by the rules for decades,” said Marty Williams, the legislative director and former state president of the Virginia Fraternal Order of Police. “Virginia’s legal and regulated charitable gaming system works. State leaders have promised less bureaucracy and less taxes, not more. A potential \$13.3 million tax on fraternal organizations would severely cut our ability to fund local charitable efforts. Disguising this as an ‘audit fee’ makes it even worse,” he added.

Butch Schuppska, the state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia, said, “For decades, legal and state-authorized charitable gaming has benefited Virginia’s veterans, police, volunteer fire departments and community charities in countless ways. Additional fees and taxes will harm our ability to fulfill our mission to give back.”

It is unclear if Gov. Glenn Youngkin would sign the legislation. He has called for tax cuts.

Link to story: <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/washington-secrets/virginia-charities-on-war-path-over-13m-gaming-tax>

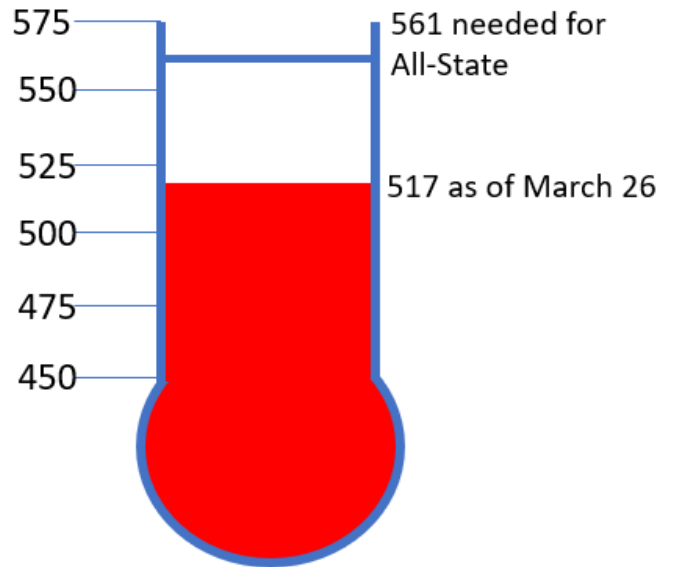
# A Special offer from Manassas Ballet Theatre 20% off Cinderella Tickets! Use Code CIN20

We would like to invite members of the VFW to Manassas Ballet Theatre's upcoming production of Cinderella on May 20 -22 at the Hylton Performing Arts Center with a discount of 20% on tickets, just use code CIN20. We will also have the option to view the streaming of the production beginning June 4th. The following link contains the times and details:

<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mbtcinderella>.

### CONTACT:

[heather@manassasballet.org](mailto:heather@manassasballet.org) or 703-791-0627  
if interested or for more information.



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 in **CINDERELLA** with the  
 Manassas Ballet  
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at the

**May 20-22**  
 Tickets starting at \$25      Also Streaming Starting  
[www.hyltoncenter.org](http://www.hyltoncenter.org)      6/4 at 7:30 pm EDT  
 703-993-7759      <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mbtcinderella>

For more information: [manassasballet.org](http://manassasballet.org)  
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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

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 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

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



## Armed Services Arts Partnership

Grace Belizario here, Program Manager with the Armed Services Arts Partnership. As you may know, our community arts in-person programs are now active again. We have also retained online opportunities for those not located in Washington DC, Hampton Roads, VA, San Diego CA, and Indianapolis IN. All veterans, current service members, their families and caregivers may apply to these FREE programs. Please feel free to share this with members of your community.

### WHAT'S COMING UP?



We have already started the admissions process for spring programs, however, there's still plenty of room for military-connected members of your community to take these FREE classes.

#### WASHINGTON DC: Sat, April 2, Painting on Canvas

- Learn painting techniques!

Apply here: <https://asapasap.org/programs/painting-on-canvas/>  
**WASHINGTON DC: Sat, April 9 AND 16, Wheel Throwing (clay)**

- Session 1: Creating your very own piece of functional pottery using the pottery wheel
- Session 2: Paint and glaze your bisque fired pieces.
- Pick-up pieces no later than 14 days after session 2.

Apply here: <https://asapasap.org/programs/wheel-throwing-with-clay/>

### Armed with the Arts Festival

For the month of June, we're celebrating the talent, creativity, and camaraderie in the military community through in-person events in all ASAP Chapters and online nationwide. Join us for workshops, showcases, performances, and creative prompts via Facebook all month long. There will be nearly 30 workshop, performance, and community connection programs spread among our 5 chapters.

**Here are a few programs we have coming up!** Continue to check the website for other programs as we get closer to the month of May when admissions for workshop programs will happen.

**Details about each workshop here:** [asapasap.org/workshops](https://asapasap.org/workshops)

- ALL CHAPTERS (in-person and online): Sat, Jun 04, Comedy Crash Course
  - ONLINE: Sun, Jun 05, Creative Mending (Sashiko)
  - WASHINGTON DC: Wed, Jun 08, PUBLISHING 101 with the Writers Center (DC Area)
- WASHINGTON DC: Sun, Jun 12, Solar Print & Cyanotype Workshop

### Connect with us!

If we haven't met in-person or through Zoom, I would be grateful to share more about our ASAP and learn about any opportunities you have that we can share through our communication channels. Frequently we also collaborate with partners to provide programs together.

#### Grace Belizario

*Program Manager*

*Armed Services Arts Partnership*

*Core Meeting Hours:*

*Monday through Friday*

*M-F, 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM*

*C: (202) 286-5142*

#### STAY CONNECTED—

National eNewsletter: <http://eepurl.com/hcaKYn>

Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/ArmedServicesArtsPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/ArmedServicesArtsPartnership)

**2020-21 Post Officers**

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

**2020-21 Auxiliary 7589 Officers**

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

## Contributions Desired for the Community Service Book

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

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

The book shall be divided into tabs:

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

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

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

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

V/r  
SS SF  
Gunny Lewis

[gysgt\\_mc@yahoo.com](mailto:gysgt_mc@yahoo.com)



### 30 Games Including:

**\$750 Jackpot**  
**(Starts with 51 numbers)**

**Lucky 7 Progressive**

**90:10 Jackpot**  
**(Prize = 90% of sales)**

**Pull Tabs & Hard Cards**

**\$10.00 Bingo Book**  
**(includes Early Birds)**

**WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**DOORS OPEN 7:30 AM**

**GAMES START AT 9:15 AM**

**SPECIAL**  
**BUY 2 BOOKS**  
**GET A 1/2 BOOK FREE**

## Upcoming Events

April 4	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM (Election and Installation of 2022-23 officers)
April 7	VFW Parade of Winners live on Facebook — 7 PM
April 9	District 8 Convention — Post 2524, Culpeper — 10 AM
April 11	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
April 20	JROTC Award Ceremony — Battlefield High School — 6:00 PM
April 21	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
May 2	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
May 7	Flag Retirement — 9:00 AM
May 9	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
May 19	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
May 20—22	MBT Cinderella — Hylton Performing Arts Center — 20% Discount for VFW members
May 23	JROTC Awards Ceremony — Osbourn Park High School — 6:00 PM
June 4	Post Anniversary Cookout
June 6	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
June 14	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
June 9—11	State Convention — Portsmouth



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