

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
May 2020



We are saddened by the passing of former Post Commander Pete Slusher on April 1. Pete was a fixture at the Post and was an instrumental part of our Aluminum Tab Collection Program. Read the article from the 2/2018 VFW Magazine on [Page 7](#). 2017 photo by RICK RASKIN / Post 7589

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NOTICE

The May 4 Post meeting will be held via conference call.

Start time 7:30 PM

Dial-in number:
(425) 436-6330

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Hello, Comrades, it is my sincere prayer that this newsletter finds you and yours healthy and safe. I chose this article in remembrance of this month when WWII ended in Europe 75 years ago. It is unbeknownst to me that we would be in a different type of conflict, ununited as a nation in doing what we've grown to do best "Adapt and Overcome". As someone who lived through very similar experiences (5x last year) this is not a hoax. Best wishes to all with the understanding that this too shall pass. Be safe so we can talk about it when this is over. Hopefully, this article will give us an opportunity to reflect on other difficult times that we have overcome. Remembering our comrades may be a bit different this year.

75 Years Later, Reflections on World War II

Over the course of nearly six years of battle on the European continent – not to mention other key military theaters in North Africa, the Middle East, and, of course, Asia – an estimated 50-60 million people were killed, and tens of millions more were injured, left homeless, or exiled.

Six million Jews, including one-and-a-half million children, were among the victims. Nearly half came from Poland, while other once-vibrant Jewish communities from Lithuania to Greece were almost totally wiped out.

JNS.org - With the launching of more missiles and balloon-bombs from Gaza into Israel, some media are again fulminating about...

In pursuing what they called the Endlösung, or Final Solution, the Nazis created an entirely new alphabet of genocide, from the letter "A" for Auschwitz, the most infamous of the concentration camps, to "Z" for Zyklon-B, the deadly poison gas used to murder vast numbers of Jews.

Indeed, the very word "genocide" did not yet exist at the time. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill said in 1941: "We are in the presence of a crime without a name." A few years later, a Polish Jew, Raphael Lemkin, coined the word "genocide" to refer to the Nazi campaign to annihilate the Jewish people.

This solemn historical occasion contains lessons with contemporary significance.

First, the democratic world, humankind's greatest hope, must never suffer from a failure of imagination.

Adolf Hitler spelled out his goals in Mein Kampf (and elsewhere) years before January 1933, when he became German chancellor, yet an array of politicians, diplomats, journalists, and scholars in

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

BULLETIN: Due to the Coronavirus, the VFW National Convention in Reno, NV on July 18-23, 2020 has been **CANCELLED**. A memo from the National Secretary/Treasurer Ann Panteleakos states as follows:

"On April 17, 2020 the Veterans of Foreign Wars Council of Administration voted to cancel the National Convention. Therefore, we will not be meeting in Reno for the National Convention as well. What does that mean going forward for the Auxiliary? On the date that our election of National Officers is scheduled, the office of President becomes vacant, and the following becomes effective:

Per Section 808 of our Bylaws which states: "A Past Officer shall be someone who, having been elected or appointed, and installed,

- Ceases to hold office by completion of their term
 - Or by death before the expiration of their term of office."
- Thus, National President Peggy Haake will be able to maintain the status of Past National President.

Section 809A—All Levels (Presidents & Vice-Presidents which states in part: "In the event of a vacancy of the office of President

- The Senior Vice-President shall at once succeed to the title and duties of such office.
- The Junior Vice-President shall succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice-President.

Whereupon, Senior Vice-President Sandra Onstwedder will succeed to the title and duties of the National President, and Junior Vice-President Jean Hamil will succeed to the title and duties of the Senior Vice-President. The new National President will appoint the Treasurer Pro Tempore. Since our Bylaws only address these offices directly, National President Peggy Haake will appoint a committee to make recommendations to our Council of Administration for how to handle the ascent and election of the remainder of our officers. The committee will be appointed immediately. Once the recommendations are decided upon, the Council of Administration will be provided with the options and recommendation of the committee on how the election will be held. The Council of Administration will have the opportunity to vote on which recommendation to follow. We will have the decision of the Council of Administration to you, the membership, on or before May 1, 2020. We thank you for your patience during this unprecedented time."

On April 13, 2020, the VFW Auxiliary 7589 held a teleconference to nominate and elect Officers for 2020-2021.

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Europe and the United States chose, for a range of reasons, not to take him at his word.

Rather, they convinced themselves, and in turn sought to persuade others, that the responsibilities of governance would moderate the German Führer; that he didn't really mean what he said but resorted to rhetorical excesses to restore German pride after the humiliations of the First World War and the Versailles Treaty; or that he could serve as a useful bulwark against Bolshevik Russia.

Second, Winston Churchill was a heroic exception to this mindset. He was never in doubt as to Hitler's intentions, but, alas, he did not hold political office during the fateful years from 1933 to 1939.

Here, for example, is Churchill in his own words: "One day President Roosevelt told me that he was asking publicly for suggestions about what the war should be called. I said at once, 'The Unnecessary War.' There never was a war easier to stop than that which has just wrecked what was left of the world from the previous struggle [i.e., the First World War]."

Churchill was referring to the key moments between 1933 and 1939 – and there were several – when resolute leaders could have stood up to the Third Reich rather than avert their eyes, seek to appease, or convince themselves they were not seeing what was, in fact, staring them in the face.

Given the perilous state of the world today, no wonder that so many continue to quote Churchill and yearn for leaders who share his unflinching leadership traits.

Third, there are times when the tools of soft power – such as dialogue, negotiation, and compromise – do not work, much as they should always be the preferred options.

Driven by diabolical racial theories, territorial ambitions, and the yearning for a "thousand-year Reich," the Nazi regime could only have been stopped in one way, and that central message was finally driven home 75 years ago.

To its credit, Poland understood it.

The Polish army fought back as best it could against the German blitzkrieg, but was no match.

Britain, now led by Churchill, and France declared war on Germany, but with the fall of France in June 1940, Great Britain stood essentially alone until June 1941, when the USSR entered, following its two-year Faustian bargain with Hitler, the Molotov-Ribentrop pact. And then, of course, the United States, with all its might, joined the Allied cause in December 1941, after Pearl Harbor.

Nothing less than unconditional German surrender was the Allied goal. After immense valor and at great sacrifice, it was achieved.

And fourth, it would have been impossible on September 1, 1939, to imagine the formation of the European Union, including, at its heart, France and Germany as partners and allies.

Or to think that 75 years later, almost to the day, a Polish prime minister would be selected to lead the 28 EU member states, and an Italian foreign minister, whose country was once allied with Nazi Germany, would become the foreign policy chief.

The EU did not come about by accident.

Rather, it resulted from the extraordinary vision of those leaders who, after the war's end, set out to create an alternative model for the blood-soaked European continent.

They were successful beyond their wildest dreams, though as long as the Berlin Wall defined east and west, they were limited in what they could achieve. After the wall's fall, however, the EU could expand still further, broadening the zone of peace and democracy, proving that history can indeed leap forward.

Meanwhile, when Polish and other Jews still had the chance to leave their countries as the storm clouds gathered, too often they had nowhere to go. They were locked out. In the 1930s, Hitler taunted the world, asserting that if everyone was so worried about the fate of the Jews, then other countries should take them in and resettle them. But alas, with tragically few exceptions, there weren't many welcome mats put out – not by the U.S., Canada, or Australia, not by Latin American nations, and not by others.

Had Israel existed as a sovereign state in 1939 rather than as a British mandate with severely restrictive immigration policies, how many more European Jews could have been saved from their tragic fate in Belzec, Buchenwald, and Birkenau?

Yet, astonishingly, only ten years after the war's start, the reborn nation of Israel, fulfilling the ancient vision of the Jewish people, was admitted to the UN, which itself was created only four years earlier.

Yes, the seemingly impossible can happen.

Just as the democratic world must be vigilant about the evils that lurk, so, too, it must never lose its capacity to envision and strive for still more leaps forward.

On this solemn anniversary, these are lessons well worth pondering.

By David Harris
Retrieved 3/5/2020

Youth News & Notes



Lou Filippone

We at the Youth Committee hope all our members are safe and well during this most challenging time for the world and our country. We are all hopeful that our lives return to normalcy and our economy fully recovers as quickly as possible. Please heed the medical experts warnings on the Coronavirus and follow their recommendations, for this will hasten its demise. Because of the restrictions of social distancing, and limited assembly and travel, many of our regular youth

activities have been postponed or cancelled at this time. Consequently my monthly youth report is somewhat abbreviated.

The last Youth Committee Meeting which was scheduled for Thursday, 16 April was cancelled and not rescheduled due to the ongoing Covid-19 regulations. Comrade Peter MacLeod and I had a lengthy phone discussion regarding Youth Committee activities. Our discussion included the following topics:

As mentioned in our previous newsletter this year's Post 7589 Scout of the Year winners still need to be recognized at an Awards Ceremony. This is usually done before the start of the April general membership meeting. Since the real meeting was canceled and handled by teleconference the Scout awards have been postponed. We will announce this upcoming awards ceremony as soon as a regular general membership meeting is permissible. The same applies to our Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony which was originally scheduled for Saturday, 16 May. We will announce an alternate date as soon as group assembly is authorized.

Normally the Post participates in JROTC and CAP Cadet Award Ceremonies in the region. We present distinguished Cadets from each institution with VFW Cadet Award medals and certificates. These ceremonies usually occur at three area high schools and one National Guard Armory. Since Virginia Schools have closed until the next academic year all award ceremonies have been cancelled or postponed. Again we will let you know when, and if, these activities are reinstated or rescheduled through this newsletter.

The themes for this year's Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy programs have just recently been announced by National. We are looking forward to an exciting program with increased participation over last year. Our suspicion is that many people interpreted the themes last year as political and did not feel comfortable with the programs. I doubt that this will be the case this year with two fantastic themes for 2020.
-The theme for Patriot's Pen is "What is 'Patriotism' to me."
-The theme for Voice of Democracy is "Is this the country the Founders envisioned?"

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Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

The Joint Leadership Council 2020 Priority Initiatives:

We had six items on our list of priority veteran's legislation for the state of Virginia. We saw three of these become law:

1) SB446/ SJ33 a ballot initiative to create a uniform tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans in the state (currently it is voluntary by county and not applicable in all counties).

Approved by the Senate and House on 4/11/20. Effective 7/1/20. **WILL BE ON THE BALLOT NOV. 3, 2020.**

2) SB455 a provision to count military absentee ballots until 5-days before certification.

Approved by the Governor on 4/9/20 effective 7/1/20.

3) SB753 a provision to increase the pay of junior military members in the Virginia National Guard, when mobilized by the Governor and not on federal status (State Active Duty).

Approved by the Governor on 4/7/20 effective 7/1/20.

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Congratulations to all of the following Officers for being elected to your positions: President: Mary Corkhill, Sr. Vice: Ellie Smith, Jr. Vice: Cindy McIntyre, Secretary: Ann Mitchell, Treasurer: Elanor Doczi, Chaplain: Cookie Cullen, Conductress: Debbie Baxter, Trustee 1: Janet Raskin, Trustee 2: Jan Germain, Trustee 3: Yvonne Sullivan, Patriotic Instructor: Diane Zalenski, Historians: Yvonne Sullivan & Jan Germain.

The decision to cancel the previously scheduled Department Convention comes as a result of public-health concerns and social-distancing mandated by the Virginia Governor. The rescheduled one day convention is now on June 27, 2020 in Mechanicsville at Post 9808. This is to close out the 2019-2020 Auxiliary year and to elect and install Department Officers.

A wife of a member, Dan Cummings, is in the ICU unit at the hospital with some medical issues. Please keep her and other individuals and their family members who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers. The health and safety of our members and the community is a high priority. Please keep your loved ones safe.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President

VFW Cancels Reno National Convention

The convention was scheduled for July 18-23, 2020

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (April 20, 2020) — The Veterans of Foreign Wars announced today its 121st VFW National Convention scheduled to be held in Reno, Nevada, this July has been officially cancelled.

Thousands of VFW and Auxiliary delegates were expected to gather to represent the organization’s total membership of more than 1.6 million at the weeklong event.

The decision comes as public-health concerns and social-distancing mandates are expected to span into the summer months ahead. This year will mark the first in the organization’s storied 121-year history where a national convention will not be held. The VFW Auxiliary has also cancelled its convention.

“We explored every effort to move forward with the convention in its current form, and the decision was not made lightly,” explained William “Doc” Schmitz, national commander of the VFW. “But, the fact is the health and well-being of our members, partners and supporters remains our priority, and we will not put them at risk.”

Pursuant to the organization’s bylaws, the VFW National Council of Administration is responsible for administering the affairs and transacting the business of the organization in the intervals between conventions to include conducting an election of national officers.

Despite the cancellation of convention, the VFW remains fully operational in accepting and processing applications to all of its national support programs and maintains an active role in advocating for veterans’ legislation. Further, VFW Posts across the nation have mobilized to lead many initiatives to bring relief and assistance to their local communities amid the pandemic.

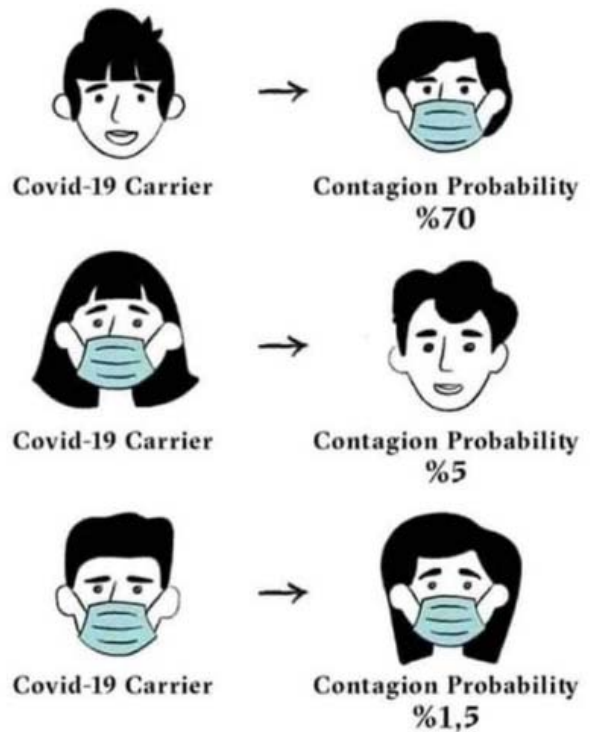
“As veterans, we know best how to navigate times of uncertainty,” said Schmitz. “Convention or not, we have a job to do and a solemn promise to keep to America’s veterans, service members, and their families. We will ensure the needs of those who rely on the vital services we provide are met without interruption.”

Reno 2020 Housing Reservation Cancellations

If you made your hotel reservation with Orchid Events/VFW Housing, your reservation has been cancelled automatically and you were sent a notification of the cancellation via email (if an email was provided).

No fees (1st night deposits) have been charged to credit cards. No action is required on your part. If you paid a hotel deposit by check, you will be refunded.

NOTE: If you made a hotel reservation at a hotel outside of the VFW room blocks – Official VFW Hotels - Grand Sierra, Atlantis, Nugget, you will need to call the specific hotel directly you made the reservation with and cancel that reservation yourself.



WEAR IT

....wear mask...save lives...

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We should be underway soon with our contests and will keep you updated on our activities. As always, we welcome your volunteerism with Youth Committee activities and encourage your participation. We have activities for everyone and the work is truly rewarding. Whenever you can help young Americans experience patriotism and instill love of God and country in them you are supporting one of the main missions of the VFW. Please attend the next Youth Committee meeting scheduled for 21 May at the Post at 7:00 PM so you can begin this journey. Until our next meeting please practice social distancing, frequent hand washing and remain healthy.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

2020-21 Post Officers Elect

Date of election April 6, 2020

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



Museum Opening Delayed

Due to the Coronavirus, the U.S. Army just announced that the National Museum of the United States Army will delay its public opening in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Originally scheduled to open to the public on June 4, the project has been impacted by the suspension of some of the exhibit gallery finishing work. Please know that our goal is to open the Museum to the public as soon as overall conditions guarantee the health and safety of Museum visitors, volunteers, and staff, and the Museum is ready to begin daily operations.

Meanwhile, construction in Veterans’ Hall, the Medal of Honor Garden, and the Café Terrace continues. All of the construction workers are abiding by the rules outlined by the CDC and the Governor of Virginia. As you may know, the government considers construction to be an essential service, as it helps keep our country and economy on the move.

Thank you for understanding as we navigate COVID-19 and prioritize the health of our supporters and future visitors. We look forward to celebrating with you as soon as possible.

**POST 7589 BINGO IS
CANCELLED UNTIL THE
COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS
ARE LIFTED.**

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

VFW IN ACTION ★ MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY

Virginia Post Collects 1 Million Soda Tabs

A whopping 800 pounds of tabs pulled from soda cans benefits children being treated at Shriners Hospitals across North America.

BY JANIE DYHOUSE

Members of VFW Post 7589 in Manassas, Va., spearhead a communitywide endeavor benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The project started in 2014 with one member. WWII and Korean War veteran Paul Slusher was collecting handfuls of aluminum can tabs to send to the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Boston, as well as other Shriners hospitals.

With 20 locations nationwide — and one each in Canada and Mexico — Shriners Hospitals for Children provides free medical care in the area of orthopedics, burn care and spinal cord injury, as well as cleft lip and palate repair.

“We saw this as an opportunity to show what dedicated veterans can do when motivated beyond our own vested interests,” Post Adjutant Paul Chase said. “With Pete’s [MacLeod, Post commander] concurrence we instituted this as a Post project.”

A team of veterans distributed more than 50 collection containers to sites in Manassas and Warrenton, Va., and points in between. This included hospitals, pubs, hardware stores, furniture stores, farm implement stores, grocers, churches, hotels and schools.

According to Chase, a Vietnam veteran and retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, as word spread of the Post’s endeavors, tabs started arriving from as far away as Nebraska and Illinois.

“The community became energized from our enthusiasm to do good for those in need,” Chase said.

Post Commander Peter MacLeod provided personal letters of appreciation to every participating business.

“This project is really due to the businesses in Warrenton and Manassas,” MacLeod said. “They have been very supportive, and they are really very conscientious. But I really have to give credit to the Chase brothers and Paul Slusher.”

Slusher serves as the “quality control manager” by removing any iron tabs using a custom made magnetic wand.

On May 17, the Post made its second donation of more than 750,000 tabs, supplementing the more than 250,000 previously donated. This brought their total to more than 1 million tabs, weighing in at 800 pounds. Members took the tabs to the local Shriners headquarters in Arlington, Va. A recycling firm picks up the tabs and pays the Shriners.

Chase said the Shriners were “ecstatic.” They wrote a letter to the Post, he noted, commenting that their latest donation “is, without question, the most voluminous offering we have ever received. We can only imagine the work and effort you put forth in order to accomplish such a collection.”



ABOVE: Paul Slusher of Post 7589 in Manassas, Va., uses a custom-made magnetic wand to sort aluminum can tabs. The Post donated more than 1 million tabs, weighing 800 pounds to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

BELOW: Members of Post 7589 continue to collect soda can tabs for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Slusher, who serves as the “quality control manager,” is thrilled by this, Chase said. His health has declined somewhat in the past three years, but he still spends considerable time sorting the tabs. Slusher removes any steel tabs by using a custom-made magnetic wand.

“There is hardly a better example of how our Post looks outside the box for ways to support those in need,” Chase said. “Something important to me is that we aren’t digging into people’s pockets for their hard-earned cash.”

With close to 400 members in the Post, Chase said, the tab project is very much a team effort. His younger brother, Joel, also a Vietnam vet and the Post chaplain, works closely with Chase on the collection efforts.

“The program is here to stay,” Chase said.

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Coronavirus Resources for Veterans

I wanted to let you know that the Veteran's Administration (VA) has created a website with general information on status of VA's response to COVID-19, including what the VA is doing, what Veterans should do, and how to protect yourself.

Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> for the latest Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus information.

What is VA doing?

VA has implemented an aggressive public health response to protect and care for Veterans in the face of this emerging health risk. We are working directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal partners to monitor the outbreak of the virus.

VA has administered over 848 COVID-19 tests nationwide while taking aggressive steps to prevent COVID-19 transmission.

These measures include outreach to Veterans and staff, clinical screening at VA health care facilities, and protective procedures for patients admitted to community living centers and spinal cord injury units.

What should Veterans do?

Any Veteran with symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should immediately contact their local VA facility. VA urges Veterans to call before visiting – you can find contact information for your closest VA facility.

Alternatively, Veterans can sign into <https://www.myhealth.va.gov/> to send a secure message to VA or use telehealth options to explain their condition and receive a prompt diagnosis.

Upon arriving at VA, all patients will be screened for flu-like symptoms before they enter in order to protect other patients and staff. A VA health care professional will assist you with next steps once this screening process is complete.

At this time, VA is urging all visitors who do not feel well to please postpone their visits to VA facilities.

How to protect yourself

Currently, there is no vaccine to prevent the COVID-19 infection and no medication to treat it. CDC believes symptoms appear 2 to 14 days after exposure. Avoid exposure and avoid exposing others to an infection with these simple steps.

Learn to use VA Video Connect through the VA mobile app store <https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect> or by contacting your VA care team, before any urgent problems arise.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. An easy way to mark the time is to hum the “Happy Birthday” song from beginning to end twice while scrubbing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick or becoming sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue (not your hands) and throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Getting a flu shot is recommended.

I will continue to keep you updated regularly through emails, social media posts, and telephone town halls as this outbreak and the response to it continues to develop over the coming days.

As always, I encourage you to share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors and encourage them to sign up for my updates so they never miss a piece of breaking information.

Sincerely,

Rob Wittman

Post Membership Statistics



Annual members...

Upgrade to Life membership and receive a \$50 gift certificate for the VFW store.

This offer also applies to those signing up as life members or Installment Life when they complete their membership agreement.

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Guidelines for Conference Call:

Start time 7:30 PM

Dial-in number:

(425) 436-6330

Access Code: 805920#

1. Attendees will announce themselves before the start of the meeting
2. Late joiners will be asked to identify themselves
3. The adjutant will verify attendees are members in good standing
4. The adjutant will verify a quorum
5. Members will identify themselves before speaking
6. Voting shall be by rollcall
7. Order of business will use the contemporary meeting format:
 - a. Call to order
 - b. Check dues cards [See 3 Above]
 - c. Roll call of officers
 - d. Read, refer membership applications
 - e. Read minutes
 - f. Quartermaster's report
 - g. Report of Service Officer
 - h. Report on Comrades or the families of Comrades in distress
 - i. Committee report(s)
 - j. Unfinished business
 - k. New business
 - l. Good of the Order
 - m. Submission of items as appropriate
 - n. Close meeting

Upcoming Events

Events may be postponed or cancelled due to Corona Virus restrictions.
Check your email for change notifications.

May 4	Post/Auxiliary Meeting — 7:30 PM (Conference Call)
May 21	Youth Committee Meeting — 7 PM
May 25	Vet Day Activities/Memorial/Cemetery (TBD)
June 1	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting — 7:30 PM
June 18	Youth Committee Meeting — 7 PM
June 27	State Convention— Post 9808, Mechanicsville — Registration starts at 7:30 AM
July 6	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting — 7:30 PM
July 16	Youth Committee Meeting — 7 PM
August 3	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting — 7:30 PM
August 20	Youth Committee Meeting — 7 PM
August 27-30	National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch’s Homecoming, Portsmouth, Virginia
September 14	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting — 7:30 PM
September 19	District 8 School of Instruction — 9:00 AM & Meeting to follow — Post 2524, Culpeper

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