

CANNON NEWS

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Submitted Photo

7th grade students at South County Middle School make blankets for veterans.
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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

I quite often find myself feeling like a relic. I grew up and lived with the principle "Say what you mean and mean what you say".

Don't commit hastily, and when giving your word, follow through to the best of your ability. I happened to peruse what I perceive to be the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mission Statement. I like it, and now share it with you to consider our slogan "We Do More." Say it if you meant it, Do it because it's living justly!

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Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee wishes all of you well as we enter the summer months. We held our last meeting via Zoom on 15 April 2021. Those who participated were Peter MacLeod, Alex and Tina Bliem and myself. As far as Scouting is concerned Alex and Tina reported that our Scouts are currently meeting in person at signal Hill Park. The Cub Scouts should be meeting physically at the end of this

month. I was also informed that there will be some summer camps starting in July. Our Post and District 8 Scout of the Year Eagle Scout, Megan Staton, is currently in the Department competition and is running against five other very impressive Eagle Scouts. We should hear any day now about the Department results and wish Megan all the best. We had planned to present Megan with her Post and District awards at the District meeting last week, but she was unable to attend. We should have another opportunity soon to present her awards and it will probably be at the first physical meeting at the Post. I'll let you know about it as soon as the plans are finalized.

Just a reminder about our Flag Retirement Ceremony scheduled for this Saturday, 1 May at the Post at 9:00 AM. The set up begins at 8:30 AM and we would be thrilled if you could join us. Scouts from all over the region, including Troops and Pack 1372 from our Post, have been invited. The weather should be cooperative from what the forecast tells me and we expect it will be a pleasant morning with the Scouts and fellow Comrades. Most of the arrangements have been taken care of by the tireless people of the Youth Committee, including Peter

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The

American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with

flowers, cards and other gifts. Mother's Day will occur on Sunday, May 9.



Armed Forces Day is a special holiday for people all over the world to come together and thank the men and women of the United States Armed Forces.

First conceived by President Harry S. Truman, the holiday was established in 1949. The creation of a single day

celebration for all six branches of the United States military made sense due to its recent unification under the Department of Defense. Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of May and this year falls on May 15. Mark your calendar and support our military!



Memorial Day, May 31 this year, conjures up images of hamburgers, hot dogs, swimming pools, and summertime for many Americans. Most importantly the last Monday in May serves as a time to honor those

who died while fighting in the U.S. Armed Forces. It's a holiday steeped in somber American history and tradition. The day actually began as "Decoration Day," following the Civil War, when mourners placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. Yes, Memorial Day has also come to signify the "unofficial" start of summer, but let's remember the heroes who made it all possible.

Congratulations to the following Officers for being elected to your 2021-2022 positions: President: Mary Corkhill, Sr. Vice: Ellie Smith, Jr. Vice: 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, Patriotic Instructor: Diane Zalenski, Historians: Patsy Gough, Yvonne Sullivan & Jan Germain. We are hopeful the 2021-2022 year will be successful.

The 7589 VFW Auxiliary wants to thank all the individuals who participated in the Auxiliary 7589 Patriotic Arts for 2020-2021. Congratulation to the first place recipient, Joseph Bliem, 17, from Manassas Park High School, Manassas Park, VA. His submitted entry has been forward to the Department for

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How YOU can make a difference for America and her proud veterans . . .

The VFW depends more and more on patriotic citizens to help fulfill our mission. You may be surprised at how much one person can accomplish. Here are just some of the things you can do that really make a difference.

- **Displaying Your Flag.**
Show support for the nation, active-duty service members and veterans by displaying the U.S. flag on all patriotic holidays. Encourage others in your neighborhood to display our country's most sacred symbol. You can also visit heroes.vfw.org/Flag to print a free U.S. flag poster to display.
- **Voting.**
Encourage members of your community to take this civic duty seriously. Be a part of the democratic process by working the polls on Election Day. Or offer a ride to the polls to someone who doesn't have transportation.
- **Volunteering.**
Pay a visit to a lonely or homebound veteran in your community to let them know they are not forgotten. Additional service opportunities are available through the VFW Community Service Program. You can also visit heroes.vfw.org/Volunteer to find the VA facility nearest you for volunteer opportunities.
- **Getting Involved.**
Remind others why we must protect and honor veterans. Participate in a parade on the next patriotic holiday or organize a visit to the graves of fallen heroes in your area.
- **Speaking Out.**
America's young people need to understand what service to our country means. Join the VFW Citizenship Education Program to work with schools in your area on patriotic projects.
- **Writing.**
Keep connected to the latest issues affecting veterans, service members and their families. Send a letter to your local newspaper to remind your fellow citizens of the sacrifices our troops are making.
- **Taking Action.**
The VFW has played an instrumental role in nearly every piece of veterans' legislation enacted into law in the 20th and 21st centuries, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill, establishment of suicide prevention programs, compensation for Agent Orange exposure, Eliminated the Widows Tax and many others. To help the VFW fight for veterans and have your opinion heard on Capitol Hill, visit heroes.vfw.org/tCongress.
- **Advocating.**
If you or a veteran you know needs help navigating Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, please visit our website at vfw.org/NVS. One of the VFW's more than 2,000 professional, trained, accredited advocates is proud to assist our veterans in navigating the complicated process to access the compensation and benefits to which they are entitled.
- **Protecting.**
The VFW National Security and Foreign Affairs program ensures that the organization's views are represented before the Departments of Defense, State, and Homeland Security, during key policy discussions with senior department officials. The program advocates for quality of life improvements for service members and their families; encourages strong national defense and homeland security policies; and seeks the fullest possible accounting of all military service members from all wars. Additionally, we routinely participate in stateside and overseas fact-finding visits to military installations and Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency facilities, and collaborate with the National Legislative Service on testimony relevant to service members, military retirees, and their families.
- **Supporting Our Troops.**
The *VFW Military Assistance Program* boosts the morale of military members and their families by hosting events year round, such as heartfelt send-offs and homecoming celebrations. To find out how you can get involved, get in touch with a local VFW Post or visit vfw.org to find the location nearest you.
- **Helping a Veteran.**
A staggering 20 veterans commit suicide every day, and the VFW is committed to helping change the narrative and stigma surrounding mental health in America. In order to raise awareness, foster community engagement, improve research and provide intervention for those affected by invisible injuries and emotional stress, the VFW has teamed up with the nationwide organizations Give an Hour and the Campaign to Change Direction, One Mind, PatientsLikeMe and the Elizabeth Dole Foundation to combat this critical issue. With the help of more than 200 VFW Posts and 13,000 volunteers, we reached 25,000 people through our inaugural Mental Wellness Campaign event. Together, we WILL change the stigma surrounding mental health! Visit vfw.org/MentalWellness to learn more.

For more information on any of these programs visit vfw.org.

VFW
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

May 3 Post meeting video teleconference.

Meeting starts at 7:30PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89468366610?pwd=Skt5ZjdtNkIxMlV0bnRUY2ZuWEsyQT09>

VFW Members Only Please

May 10 2 PM Auxiliary meeting will be a teleconference

VFW Post 7589, General Membership Meeting Agenda — May 3, 2021

- *OD: Verification of Membership
- *Salute the Colors.
- *Chaplain: Opening Prayer
- *OD: POW/MIA Chair
- *Salute the Colors.
- *OD: N/A
- *Chaplain: N/A
- *SVC: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Adjutant: Roll Call of Officers

Commander Wayne Moore	Surgeon Alex Bliem
SVC Lou Filippone	Chaplain Ron Knowles
JVC Bob Knight	Historian Paul Chase
QM Rick Raskin	OD Kelly Williams
Adjutant Ron Link	Trustee 1 Pete MacLeod
Service Officer Ron Link	Trustee 2 Dave Mattingly
Advocate Bob Knight	Trustee 3 Tina Bliem

Communications:

Applications for Membership:

Reading of the Minutes:

Quartermaster’s Report:

Service Officer’s Report:

Chaplain’s Report:

Reports from Committees:

- *Bingo:
- *Youth: SV/Chairman Filippone
- *MAP:
- *Americanism:

*Legislative Committee: Read comments/info in our monthly newsletter.

***Commander’s Report:**

- * Dept Summer Convention June 3-6
- * National Commander recognition of Post 7589 upcoming 75th birthday
- * District 8 new elected officers
- *National Convention Cancelled

Old Business:

***Unfinished Business:**

- * Upcoming District nomination/election of officers 2021-2022

***New Business:**

- *Memorial Day Activities
- *Post 7589 75th Birthday activities June
- *Installation of officers for the 2021-2022 year

***Other New Business:**

*Exec Board met and made a determination on two issues. (1) Presented Auxiliary member Jen \$100 gift card for outstanding support to VOD, PP. (2) Donated \$250 to South County Middle School making and distributing Fleece Blankets to Veterans to include Honor Flight Vets.

***Good of the Order**

*Much is written/discuss about SCAMs, however, there’s not shortage of efforts. NEW fake stimulus payment checks, it can take weeks for the bank to confirm a bad check once it’s deposited and you may be out the amount of the check and any money sent to the scammer. If you spot any of these warning signs, don’t deposit the check:

Safety Lesson:

*Take Breaks to Keep Your Conditions: Continuous working



A prospective buyer sends you a check for more than your asking price “by mistake” and wants the overage back



You receive your first check for a new work-from-home job, and the “employer” asks you to send some money back right away for supplies



You receive a check for sweepstakes winnings that can only be claimed by sending some money back to cover taxes

makes your stamina goes weak. You will also lose your focus, that could cause serious problem/accident.

***Closing Ceremonies Prayers: Chaplain**

***Salute the Colors: Commander**

***Adjournment:**

Next General Membership Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021, at 7:30 pm

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judging. We also had three individuals, grades 1-2, 3-5 and 6-8, who participated in the Illustrating America contest. Their art work has been sent to the Department Youth Chairman for judging.

The Department Convention is still scheduled for June 3-6, 2021 at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk in Portsmouth, VA. The National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch's Homecoming will be at the same hotel on July 8-11. Unfortunately, the National Convention scheduled for July 31-August 5 in Baltimore, MD has been CANCELLED. National is working on finding another location but at this time it has not been announced.

After the year of uncertainty with the Coronavirus, I wish to thank everyone for stepping up and remember our veterans and their families. I know it has been really hard to carry out our mission but you have surprised me with your energy and persistence in getting the job done. Thank you for caring.

Due to the passing of Ms. Bettye Montgomery's husband, Charlie, please keep her and any individuals or family members, who are ill or hospitalized, in your prayers.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President

7589 VFW Auxiliary Officers for 2021 – 2022

- President: Mary Corkhill,
- Sr. Vice: Ellie Smith,
- Jr. Vice: 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,
- Patriotic Instructor: Diane Zalenski,
- Historians: Patsy Gough, Yvonne Sullivan & Jan Germain.

How to start the Auxiliary phone conference:

Your Dial-In Number: 17172758940
Your Access Code: 4364446
Your Moderator PIN: 3213953

At the prompt:

- 1) Enter your Access Code: 4364446 followed by the # key.
- 2) You enter your Moderator PIN: 3213953, followed by the # key.

Start conferencing!

Report on Scouting



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

This month the Scouts continued to enjoy the nice weather and later days. Meetings continue to be held in the great outdoors, mostly at Signal Hill Park. They are having a lot of fun getting to see each other again while performing their Scouting duties.

This month the Scouts performed another road cleanup of their adopted Signal View Dr. They had another very large turnout and filled many large bags of trash. There was also a contingent of Scouts that walked around and cleaned up their neighborhood in April. Not to be outdone by their older peers, the Cub Scouts had their own cleanup day at the Manassas Battlefield.


The older Scouts had a Court of Honor outdoors this month where many were recognized for their prior accomplishments. A lot of Scouts earned new ranks and some were awarded with various Merit Badges that were completed and earned. There was also a special Merit Badge that was awarded for Social Distancing based on Covid. Our children are living through a historic time that will hopefully never be repeated and now they have a special Merit Badge that they earned to remind themselves of it.

The Scouts continue to plan for an exciting Summer Camp and a week long High Adventure trip kayaking the New River Gorge in West Virginia. The High Adventure trip is only for the older Scouts. Summer Camp is for all of them.

This was a very good month for our Scouts and we look forward to seeing what they will do in May as well as throughout the summer months.

Until next month Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, and Stay Happy!

Alex & Tina Bliem



Memorial Service for Pete Slusher

May 15

11:00 AM

Manassas Baptist Church

8730 Sudley Rd.

Manassas, VA

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MacLeod and Alex and Tina Bliem. All you need to do is show up and participate.

With regards to Memorial and Veteran's Day, Peter MacLeod informed me that the City is currently granting permission for up to 100 people to assemble for an outdoor ceremony. If this ruling holds up it will allow us to have Scout participation at the grave site ceremonies at the Manassas Cemetery like we usually do. I sincerely hope this is the case as we once again remember and honor our fallen comrades.

Our Patriotic Art Contests, sponsored by the Auxiliary, were finished at the end of March. I am pleased to announce that four winners from our Post have advanced to the Department competition. They are Nathaniel Davies for grades 1-2, Juliet Davies for grades 3-5, Veronica Frank for grades 6-8 and Eagle Scout Joey Bliem for grades 9-12. The artwork submitted was truly spectacular this year and we should be proud of all our winners. As always we wish them nothing but success at the Department judging.

Our JROTC and Civil Air Patrol VFW awards presentations are coming up on us quickly. We participated in a virtual ceremony at Battlefield High School in Haymarket and awarded Air Force JROTC Cadet Shane Cordell with a VFW bronze medal. We are still waiting to hear from our other schools and programs regarding their ceremonies and winners. Again, unfortunately due to Covid many of our ceremonies have been reconfigured, postponed or eliminated. I will let you know when we present more awards in the upcoming months.

Our Post recently helped sponsor South County Middle School in Fairfax County with their blanket donation program. The teacher and students make and give blankets typically to Veterans who are recognized with the Honor Flights Program. This year the school is concentrating on donating these blankets to veterans in retirement homes, since there has been a reduction of Honor Flights due to Covid. This is such a noble cause, and such a worthy endeavor, that our Post and Youth Committee strongly supported it. I know it will make a lot of elderly veterans feel wanted and respected.

We will be resuming our Student Essay and Teacher contests for 2021 very shortly. Our theme for Patriots Pen this year is "How can I be a good American". Our Voice of Democracy theme is " America: Where do we go from here?". Both topics are very stimulating and should generate colorful and lively discussion. We will start contacting our schools, in order to recruit students and teachers, in the next month or so.

As always, we have more work than people and hope you can join our committee to help administer these and other critical youth programs. Please attend our next meeting and we'll get you going. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 20 May at 7:00 PM. A Zoom link will be sent to all interested participants and current Youth Committee members. Please stay safe and well and we hope to see you there.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair



Ninth place winner Justine Chan, from Fort Lee, VA, represented the VFW Department of Virginia, and was awarded the \$1,500 VFW and James R. and Pat Mueller Award.



Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill with Joseph Bliem receiving his award for first place in the Patriotic Art Contest.

Middle School students make blankets for veterans

Post 7589 has donated to this worthy cause

Lisa D. Reaves, M.Ed
7th Grade English Teacher
Purple Team Lead
South County Middle School



Vietnam veteran David Byrne received one of the blankets made by the 13-year-old sisters and was deeply touched. The exchange took place in 2019 at the World War II Memorial and involved dozens of students.

[In 2019] a couple of our students made fleece blankets to give to veterans they met at the Honor Flight. Two weeks later, Mr. Byrne from Illinois, wrote a letter to us thanking our students for their heartfelt welcome to DC. In his letter, he stated the blanket, “will always hold a special place in my heart and remind me of my trip to DC.” The blanket especially meant a lot to him because he lost his wife one week after participating in the Honor Flight.

Because of the reaction of Mr. Byrne and other veterans, we have been inspired to make more memorable moments for the men and women who served our country. Our goal for the 2019-2020 Honor Flight field trip was for each student to make and personally deliver a patriotic blanket to the veterans. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, students were not able to deliver blankets to the veterans, so we decided to deliver the blankets to the Armed Forces Retirement Home in D.C.

As we all know, there has been a social-emotional toll on students. To address these concerns, we slowly introduced the service learning project to our new 7th graders this year. Because we were virtual most of the school year, we had to be creative by

inviting only a few students to socially distance outside in order to teach them how to make blankets. Every Thursday after school, a small group met virtually, and they make the blankets at home. As you can see in the pictures below, it was not quite the same as last year, but we felt like it was a good solution given the circumstances.



Meeting virtually to create blankets at home.

Now that we’re in school twice a week, more students have become interested in making blankets for the veterans. We anticipate that we will be making approximately 60 blankets to donate to the Armed Forces Retirement Home by the beginning of June. We wanted to see if it is possible to apply for a donation from the VFW in order to buy more fabric. Our students just love making the blankets for the veterans and the Purple Team teachers all feel that this act of giving helps with the socio-emotional health of our students. It gives them a sense of purpose as well as reinforcing the importance of honoring those who sacrificed for our country.

[@smcs_purpleteam \(IG\)](#) [@SPurpleteam \(Twitter\)](#)



Blankets produced by the Purple Team on April 15, 2021

Submitted Photos

Social Security honors our military heroes

By Lizna Odhwani

Social Security Public Affairs Specialist in Virginia



On Memorial Day, our nation honors military service members who have given their lives for our country. As Former President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men [and women] have died to win them." This is why families, friends, and communities come

together to remember the great sacrifices of our military members and ensure their legacies live on.

The benefits we provide can help the surviving families of deceased military service members. For example, widows, widowers, and their dependent children may be eligible for Social Security

Annual VFW Youth Scholarship Competitions Open

Entries must be received at a participating VFW Post by Oct. 31

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (April 13, 2021) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is now accepting entries for its 2021-22 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth scholarship competitions. The announcement comes less than two weeks after the VFW hosted its first-ever, virtual Parade of Winners where the top national winners of both contests were recognized.

Dedicated to encouraging a better understanding and appreciation of America, the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions help foster patriotism among today's youth. The popular contests also promote friendly competition and rewards success in the form of more than \$3 million in combined scholarships at the local, state and national levels.

Survivors benefits. You can learn more about those benefits at www.ssa.gov/survivors.

We also offer support to our wounded warriors. Social Security benefits protect veterans when injuries prevent them from returning to active duty or performing other work. Both the Department of Veteran Affairs and Social Security have disability programs. You may qualify for disability benefits through one program but not the other, or you may qualify for both. Depending on your situation, some members of your family, including your dependent children or spouse, may be eligible to receive Social Security benefits.

Wounded military service members can receive expedited processing of their Social Security disability claims. If you are a veteran with a 100% Permanent & Total compensation rating from the Department of Veterans Affairs, we'll expedite your disability claim.

Want more information about how we can help? Visit www.ssa.gov/woundedwarriors for answers to commonly asked questions or to find information about the application process.

Thinking about retirement or know a veteran who is? Military service members can receive Social Security benefits in addition to their military retirement benefits. For details, visit our webpage for veterans, available at www.ssa.gov/people/veterans.

Please share this information with the military families you know. We honor and thank the veterans who bravely served and died for our country and the military service members who serve today.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition, with this year's theme of "America: Where Do We Go From Here?" is open to all 9-12th grade students. Each state winner competes at the national level where the first place \$30,000 scholarship prize is awarded. Annually, more than 50,000 students compete in the competition. Erin Stoeckig, sponsored by VFW Post 1215 and its Auxiliary in Rochester, Minnesota, was the 2021 national Voice of Democracy winner. [Listen to her deliver her award-winning essay.](#)

Open to eligible sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, this year's theme is "How Can I Be a Good American?" Wyatt Perkins, sponsored by VFW Post 4221 in Portland, North Dakota, was awarded the 2021 Patriot's Pen first place prize. [Listen to his award-winning entry here.](#)

Student entries, accompanied with a completed entry form, must be submitted to a local participating VFW Post. The deadline for both contests is **Oct. 31, 2021**

Don't open your door to grandparent scams

April 13, 2021 by

Emily Wu

Attorney, Federal Trade Commission

When it comes to scammers, nothing is sacred — including the bond between grandparent and grandchild. Lately, grandparent scammers have gotten bolder: they might even come to your door to collect money, supposedly for your grandchild in distress.

These kinds of scams still start with a call from someone pretending to be your grandchild. They might speak softly or make an excuse for why they sound different. They'll say they're in trouble, need bail, or need money for some reason. The "grandkid" will also beg you to keep this a secret — maybe they're "under a gag order," or they don't want their parents to know. Sometimes, they might put another scammer on the line who pretends to be a lawyer needing money to represent the grandchild in court.

But, instead of asking you to buy gift cards or wire money (both signs of a scam), the scammer tells you someone will come to your door to pick up cash. Once you hand it over, your money is gone. But you might get more calls to send money by wire transfer or through the mail.

To avoid these scams and protect your personal information:

- Take a breath and resist the pressure to pay. Get off the phone and call or text the person who (supposedly) called. If you can't reach them, check with a family member to get the real story. Even though the scammer said not to.

Don't give your address, personal information, or cash to anyone who contacts you. And anyone who asks you to pay by gift card or money transfer is a scammer. Always.

Check your social media privacy settings and limit what you share publicly. Even if your settings are on private, be careful about what personal identifiers you put out on social media.

If you lost money to this kind of scam, it was a crime, so file a report with local law enforcement. And if you get any kind of scam call, report it at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/idthelp/submit-report).

Submitted by Gunny Lewis

Auxiliary 7589's 1st place Patriotic Art Contest winner



A Friends Reunion

My project is a representation of my Grandfather's visit to the Vietnam Memorial. When my Grandfather was in high school the Vietnam war was at its peak. My Grandfather and his best friend decided that they would be more useful dropping out and joining the Army. Sadly though, like so many others his friend's time in Vietnam would be very brief. Thankfully, my Grandfather survived two tours in Vietnam as a combat engineer. In May of 2019 while my Grandparents were visiting we took them to D.C so that he could visit the Vietnam Memorial for the first time. I was then able to help reunite my Grandfather with his childhood friend. After all these years he was finally able to pay respect to all of those that never made it home.

Every piece of the project excluding the flowers and flags were modeled on my computer then individually 3D printed. I tried to make the wall and my grandfather as proportional as I could with the images that I have. I then sanded and covered the parts in many thin layers of bondo allowing the wall to be smooth and glossy. For my Grandfather and the ground I oil painted them because of my familiarity with oil paints. Finally to make the scene feel real I added grass, dirt, and patriotic flower pots to the ground.

Joseph Bliem



The VFW thanks every Post and veteran for bringing hope to those around them, especially this past year

vfw.org April 7, 2021

The members of VFW Post 7916 in Occoquan, Virginia, have demonstrated a commitment to their mission of “Honoring the Dead by Helping the Living” throughout the pandemic.

The Post made sure members received health and welfare checks so that those most at-risk, or in need, received essentials. They also delivered food to residents of the town and donated to a local food bank.

Post members who serve with the police department conducted health and welfare checks for the Occoquan community, gave protective masks to nearby medical facilities and provided scuba diving masks from a member’s dive shop for conversion to ventilator masks. In addition, members of the Post have been fighting the virus as part of teams in the Veterans Administration and the Department of Homeland Security.

Another Post member with invaluable experience as a U.S. Navy nurse was on the front lines caring for COVID-19 patients. She served onboard the USNS Comfort, a floating hospital, while it was stationed in New York City. A member ran a community kitchen in Occoquan as well.

“We are fortunate to have these Post members and VFW members all over the world defending us and our families,” said Post Commander Jeff Lett.

For these efforts and more, the VFW is proud to honor Post 7916 and each member who is #StillServing. And we thank every Post and veteran for bringing hope to those around them, especially this past year.

Post 7589 helps support Manassas Ballet Theatre in memory of LCPL Colin Wolfe

2020-21 Post Officers Elect



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

Post 7589 is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

VFW Members Only Please

Topic: Post 7589 Membership Meeting
Time: May 3, 2021 07:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89468366610?pwd=Skt5ZjdtNkIxMlVObnRUY2ZuWEsyQT09>

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

Meeting ID: 894 6836 6610
Passcode: 057589

Virginia Department of Veterans
Services Manassas Office

9300 W. Courthouse Rd.
Suite 305
703-479-7437

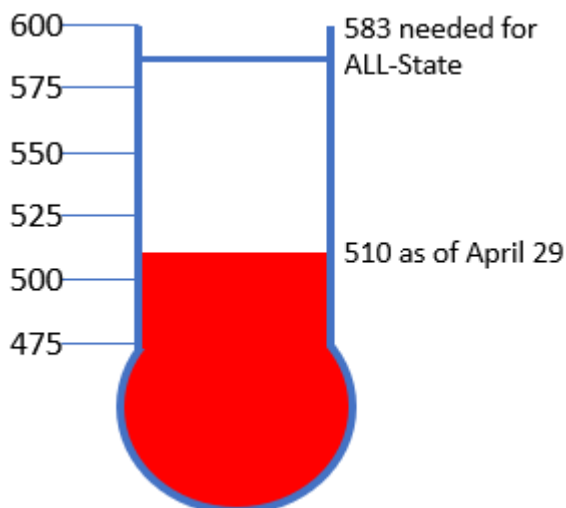
Orthodontic assistant needed
Compensation: **Entry level**
Employment type: **full-time**

ENTRY LEVEL orthodontic assistant. We prefer no experience so we can train you to our standards. Entry level position with entry level pay. We are looking for a quick learner who likes to work as part of a team. Must be reliable, well spoken, have good communication skills and like working with people. If interested, please reply with salary requirement and resume. Responses without salary requirement and resume will not be reviewed. If you are interested in the field of orthodontic assisting and possess the qualities we have listed this might be a great opportunity. You can either call the office at (703)815-0127 or email us at orthoforyou@aol.com. We look forward to your response.

Upcoming Events

May 1	Flag Retirement — 9:00 AM District 8 Auxiliary — Post 3103, Fredericksburg — 10:00 AM
May 3	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — Video teleconference only
May 10	Auxiliary Meeting — 2 PM — Teleconference only
May 13	Youth Committee --- 7:00 PM
May 15	Memorial Service for Pete Slusher — Manassas Baptist Church — 11:00 AM
June 3-6	State Convention — Portsmouth, VA
June 7	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — Video teleconference only
June 14	Auxiliary Meeting — 2 PM — Teleconference only
July 5	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
July 12	Auxiliary Meeting — 2 PM
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