

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
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Sr. Vice Commander Lou Filippone, Cadet Dariyan Behnam & Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill at the Battlefield High School AFJROTC Award Ceremony on April 20, 2022

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

May 2007 abduction of U.S. soldiers in Iraq

Memorial Day is upon us at the end of the month. In paying homage to our many departed comrades, I would like to acknowledge special honors to a few in one of our most recent wars. Especially, since these events happened in proximity to my Forward Operating Base (FOB). Warmest regards to Comrades, Loved Ones, and Families whose memories remain vivid and hearts heavy due to loss.

In **May 2007 abduction of U.S. soldiers in Iraq** occurred when Iraqi insurgents attacked a military outpost in Qarghoul, Iraq, west of Yusufiyah and south of Baghdad. Killed were four U.S. Army soldiers and an Iraqi soldier before capturing Specialist **Alex Ramon Jimenez**, Private First Class **Joseph John Anzack** and Private **Byron Wayne Fouty** on May 12, 2007. A fourth soldier, Sergeant **Anthony J. Schober**, was also thought to have been captured, but his remains were identified later.

The abduction

Two Humvees, each carrying four soldiers from 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, were sitting on a road along the Euphrates River several miles west of Mahmudiyah when the insurgents, who had been observing them for two nights, attacked. They fired guns and hurled grenades into the vehicles, killing the four Americans and an Iraqi soldier. They then set the vehicles on fire with extra fuel and took the three captured soldiers with them. The four U.S. Army soldiers who were killed in the incident were:

- Sergeant First Class James D. Connell, 40 years old
- Specialist Daniel W. Courneya, 19 years old
- Corporal Christopher E. Murphy, 21 years old
- Sergeant Anthony J. Schober, 23 years old (remains were identified later)

At the time, the capture represented the second-largest capture of American soldiers in the war, the worst since the March 23, 2003 capture of Jessica Lynch and five other soldiers.

Search for the soldiers

A \$200,000 reward was offered for information on the whereabouts of the soldiers, all of whom belonged to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division based in northern New York. On May 17, Iraqi Army forces detained 16 people described as "suspects" in the incident.

On May 19 U.S. forces stormed a facility in Al-A'amiriya and detained nine occupants, on a tip that they were related to the capture. It was announced that afternoon that one of the three soldiers was believed killed a few days after capture, while the other two remained prisoners. The same day, a search party for the missing soldiers came under attack, leaving one American

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



Mother's Day celebrates motherhood and the contribution of mothers in society. The holiday is celebrated worldwide as an international day. The International Mother's Day is

observed on the second Sunday in May. It is often marked by people sending Mother's Day gifts, flowers, and cards to their mother figures. This year Mother's Day will occur on Sunday, May 8.

Armed Forces Day: President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The celebration of a single day for all branches of the United States military, including the newest Space Force, made sense due to its recent unification under the Department of Defense. Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of every May, this year falling on May 21.

Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season. This year Memorial Day will occur on Monday, May 30.

Congratulations to the following VFW Auxiliary 7589 Officers for being elected to your 2022-2023 positions: President: Mary Corkhill, Sr. Vice: Ellie Smith, Jr. Vice: Cindy McIntyre, Secretary: Ann Mitchell, Treasurer: Elanor Doczi, Chaplain: Cookie Cullen, Conductress: Janet Raskin, Guard: Patsy Gough, Trustee 1: Jan Germain. Trustee 2: Janet Raskin, Trustee 3: Yvonne Sullivan, Patriotic Instructor: Lorrie Allen-Smith, Historians: Patsy Gough, Yvonne Sullivan & Jan Germain.

VFW Post 7589 Auxiliary wants to thank all the individuals who participated in the Auxiliary Patriotic Arts for 2021-2022. Congratulations to the first-place recipient, Norah Napier, 17. The winning entry has been forward to the Department for judging.

The Department Convention is scheduled for June 9-12 at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk in Portsmouth, VA. The National Convention is in Kansas City, Mo from July 16-23.

From their website: "Born from the belief that America needs to care for the children and families of men and women who sacri-

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soldier dead and four more wounded.

According to an Iraqi intelligence officer, two prisoners confessed to taking part in the attack, saying that a group of thirteen insurgents had attacked the outpost, and split into two groups afterward, with the ringleader taking the captured American soldiers with him. The Iraqi Army arrested more than 250 people suspected of ties to the attack.

On May 20, American forces drained a canal along the Euphrates after local villagers reported seeing body parts floating but had no success. On May 21, another 14 people were arrested within a 9-mile radius of the original site of the kidnapping. Four others were detained by Apache Company 1st Battalion 501st Infantry Regiment and then released, in Jurf al-Sakhr.

On May 23, military officials informed the family of **Joseph Anzack** that a commanding officer had visually identified his body as being one pulled from the Euphrates River by Iraqi patrol boats, although DNA tests were still pending. The body had two bullet holes in the head and one in the chest.

On June 4, the Islamic State of Iraq declared in a video posted on the Internet that Fouty and Jimenez were killed because the U.S. refused to stop searching for them. They also claimed that they would not give the bodies of the two soldiers to their families and that the two men were buried.

On January 8, 2008, Jimenez was promoted to Sergeant. (Soldiers who are missing in action are considered in service until known otherwise, and are promoted depending on their level of education and training in the armed forces.

Recovery of the bodies

On July 9, 2008, the bodies of Jimenez and Fouty were found in Jurf a Sakhr, Babil Province, part of an area south of Baghdad known as the "triangle of death". The Defense Department released a statement to the public on July 11, 2008.

https://military-history.fandom.com/wiki/May_2007_abduction_of_U.S._soldiers_in_Iraq

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ficed for our country, the VFW National Home for Children is a place of healing, support and refuge". PLEASE purchase a life membership for \$50. The link for signing up for a life membership is: <https://vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>. Thank you for your support.

Please keep any individuals or family members, who are ill or hospitalized, in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



Honoring Those Who Continue to Serve

On April 14 Beacon of Hope in conjunction with Post 7589, paid tribute to Prince William County DAV Chapter 15 Past Commander Grailing Carter for over 20 years of dedicated community service. Past Commander Carter served as Post 7589's primary Veteran Service Officer assisting hundreds of veterans with filing VA claims for more than 15 years.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

From L-R, Gary Clark (former Commander, player and spokesman for Beacon), Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore, Past Commander Prince William County DAV Chapter 15 Grailing Carter (Honoree) and Prince William County DAV Chapter 15, Commander Steven Bagley Jr.

Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

Our monthly report for Post 7589 Youth Activities is provided for our members. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 21 April at the Post. The meeting was attended by Comrade and Scout Chair Alex Bliem, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. Our other regular attendees had commitments and could not make the meeting. Alex informed us that life Scout Ethan Williams from Troop 1372 is currently awaiting for his permit and approval from the City of

Manassas for the Post sign renovation project. This will be Scout Williams Eagle Scout Project. He is apparently encountering some resistance from the City regarding the use of plastic letters on the sign. They are requiring us to use wood letters which will necessitate a design change to the sign. Scout Williams is also under a time crunch to complete his project due to his approaching eighteenth birthday so hopefully the renovation will be underway soon. His presentation to the Post leadership before the last general meeting was well presented and well received.

We are holding our Post Scout of the Year Awards on 2 May at 6:00 PM, right before the Auxiliary dinner and the general membership meeting, and will be presenting awards and certificates to our three Eagle Scout winners Christina Alvarez, Joseph Bliem and Riley Kotlus. Please attend the ceremony and help us celebrate the accomplishments of these three phenomenal Scouts. Their credentials are truly amazing and we are so proud of them! Eagle Scout Christina Alvarez was also the winner for District Eight and is currently competing at the Department level. We wish her continued success and hope she represents our Department at the National Scout of the Year competition.

Evites have just gone out for our Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony. The date is Saturday, 7 May at the Post at 9:00 AM. As usual setup will begin at 8:00 AM. Troop and Pack 1372 are primarily responsible for conducting the ceremony, however, several other Scout Troops and Packs are invited. It is also customary for us to include the Daughters of the American Revolution as well as all interested Post and Auxiliary members. President Mary Corkhill announced the Auxiliary will be hosting a pizza party after the ceremony for the Scouts and helpers. She also informed me that the Auxiliary is purchasing and donating all the necessary yard tools and hose for the flag burn. Normally Comrade Peter Macleod loans us his yard tools which requires considerable effort to transport them to and from the event. With the Auxiliary's generous gift we will just keep them in storage at the Post making the logistics much simpler. We are so grateful to Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, and everyone at the Auxiliary, for this and for all their kindness and generosity. They do so much to support us and we really appreciate them.

Our Post presented the VFW Bronze Medal and certificate to AFJROTC Cadet Dariyan Behnam at Battlefield High School on 20 April. Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself represented our Post and gave out the award. It was a wonderful ceremony and we are still in awe of the patriotism, talent and dedication of all the members in the area JROTC and CAP units. We have at least two more ceremonies scheduled in the month of

May. They are Unity Reed High School AFJROTC Award Ceremony on Thursday, 12 May at 2:30 PM and Osbourn Park High School NJROTC Award Ceremony on Monday, 23 May at 5:45 PM. We still need presenters for these ceremonies so please let us know if you can help out. No news yet from the Prince William Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol on their ceremony but we will know shortly.

Memorial Day Weekend is fast approaching. This is just a reminder about our Scout activities during that time. Troop 1372 from Post 7589 will participate in Veterans Memorial Services and flag placements at the Manassas Cemetery. Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem are instrumental in coordinating these activities for both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, along with Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, and will have more information for us as the holiday approaches.

National just announced the themes for this year's Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests. For Patriot's Pen the theme is "My Pledge to Our Veterans". For Voice of Democracy the theme is "Why Is The Veteran Important?" These are two compelling topics which should make for a great 2022 essay contest. In the upcoming months we will start recruiting schools, students and teachers for our program and will keep you posted on our progress. We'll kick off the essay contest right before school lets out and begin again in the late summer when classes resume. The deadline for both contests is 31 October 2022. If any of you are interested in joining us for our Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy program please let us know. We always need representatives for school and student recruitment as well as judges once the essays have been collected.

Our next Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19 May at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join the Youth Committee and help mentor our youth. By doing so you are safeguarding America's future and helping our next generation.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

ATTENTION COMRADES:

You are cordially invited to

an

Italian Dinner

Provided by the VFW 7589 Auxiliary

on

May 2nd

at 6:00 PM



The Post meeting will start at 7:30 pm

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

April has been another busy month for our Scouts.

We had good participation from all our scouting units welcoming veterans at Dulles Airport when they arrived on the Chicago Honor Flight. The Scouts all had good interactions with the veterans as many had been Scouts themselves. They met and were able to spend some time with a Medal of Honor awardee and fellow Scout. The Scouts greeted the veterans in the airport and then stayed to wave them

off as their buses departed for Washington D.C. This was an emotional greeting for many of the veterans as well as those who welcomed them.

Our younger Cub Scouts had their annual Space Derby at the Post this month. The Scouts carved out their own rubber band propeller powered spaceships and raced them against other Scouts and family members. They had a "blast". The Cub Scouts are currently planning a family camping trip at Camp Snyder in May. The Cubs always have a great time camping.

Our older Scouts are busy preparing for a wilderness survival camping weekend. They will learn numerous survival skills and must put them to the test while out in the woods. This includes building their own personal shelter and sleeping in it overnight...no tents. Both Troops are also beginning to prepare for their weeklong summer camp.

Our Venturing crew has been busy with fundraisers (coffee) to try to help fund some of their high adventure expeditions. In May they are planning a canoe trip down the James River where they will spend two days going downriver 20+ miles. They will have to carry all their gear and sleep/cook along the river. For right now they can only do weekend trips as they are all in school.

All our Scouts are preparing for the flag retirement ceremony at our Post on May the 7th. This will be the Scouts' 12th year performing flag retirements. They are also looking forward to a pizza party that the Auxiliary is graciously providing afterwards. Scouts always love their pizza. The Scouts will also be participating with the Post and Auxiliary again placing flags on Memorial Day at Manassas Cemetery.

Until next month.

Thank you,

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



HONOR FLIGHT VOLUNTEER



HONOR FLIGHT VOLUNTEER



ALEX BLIEM

Post & Scouts participate in Honor Flight Chicago's 100th Flight

By Dave Mattingly

A Scout is Helpful. These words of the Scout Law were demonstrated by Scouts sponsored by VFW Post 7589 during their spring break. On April 13 the Scouts greeted Honor Flight Chicago's 100 flight which brought World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans to Washington DC to visit their war memorials. The Scouts joined other local citizens in greeting the Veterans as they emerged from the "people movers" at Dulles International Airport and moved through the airport to board their buses.

Post member David Mattingly has volunteered for 5 years as a guardian and assistant bus captain with Honor Flight Chicago and as a tour guide with other Honor Flights. Last year Post member Heidi BruMar volunteered when Honor Flight Chicago brought an entire flight made up of women veterans.

Honor Flight Network will celebrate bringing its 250,000th Veteran to Washington DC on May 3, 2022. The event can be followed on Facebook at the following link www.facebook.com/events/296130076006135.

Opportunities are available to greet or volunteer with Honor Flights arriving at Dulles, Reagan National, and BWI Airports. For more schedule information contact Dave Mattingly daamattingly@me.com



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Tricare for Life and SSA Pre-Retirement Brief-Zoom May 10-Save The Date

May 10th from 9am to 11am.

- **9am-10am Tricare for Life benefit info for those turning 65.**
10am to 11:30am-Social Security Pre-Retirement webinar (Retirement, Family, Widow's and Medicare benefits).

Free and open to active military and veterans.

Please see details below:

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting URL:

<https://humana.zoom.us/j/91819958762?pwd=aXNTN0c2QUJ6WGpaQ3h3Y215WmFxUT09>

Meeting ID:

918 1995 8762

Passcode:

796566

Join by Phone

One tap mobile:

US: [+13126266799,91819958762#,#](tel:+13126266799) or
Toll Free: [8887880099,91819958762#,#](tel:8887880099)

Meeting ID:

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[International Numbers](#)

Join by Video Room System

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Post 7589 Patriotic Art Contest Winner
Norah Napier, 17, 11th Grade



The piece of art that I am submitting represents the five branches of the military with the quote, "I only regret I have but one life to give for my country," said by Nathan Hale. I feel this quote is appropriate to represent our military because Nathan Hale was an original American hero, even before America was an official country. He was a spy during the Revolutionary War for the patriots, and once he was caught, right before his execution, his last words fueled the fiery hearts of the soon to be Americans. He risked his life and died for our country, like many of our military personnel today. Those who are serving, have served, or passed while serving our country are remembered and respected in this work.

— Norah Napier



I was honored to take part in two very important observances during March- the Virginia's Women Veterans and Vietnam War Veterans pinning ceremonies held at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. We were joined by hundreds of fellow veterans, family members, supporters, legislators and government officials including Governor Youngkin, Lt. Governor Sears, and Secretary Crenshaw.

An important part of our overall mission here at the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is to ensure that we honor and pay forward the stories of those who served. These two ceremonies were great examples of our ongoing steadfast commitment to doing just that.

To also recognize the sacrifices of military children and their families, Governor Youngkin has [proclaimed](#) April as the Month of the Military Child in Virginia to coincide with this national observance. Virginia is home to the highest number of military school-aged children in the nation. Our partners at the Virginia Department of Education have awarded the Purple Star Designation to 262 schools for their excellence in supporting military connected children and their families.

Another integral part of our DVS mission is to ensure that all veterans are aware of state and federal benefits for which they may be eligible. To that goal, I am pleased to announce we are partnering with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to co-host the virtual Virginia Veterans Experience Action Center (VEAC). This virtual forum will be offered exclusively to Virginia veterans and family members April 26 through April 28 from 10 am to 3 pm.

This unique event gives veterans the opportunity to speak directly with VA and DVS representatives and receive one-on-one assistance regarding a variety of benefit questions. Registration is required and may be completed [here](#).

Thank you for your interest in Virginia veterans and this agency. As always, we look forward to your ideas, comments, and suggestions as to how we can continue to better serve you - our veterans and your family members.

Our primary goal and that of this administration is for this Commonwealth to continue to be the best state for our veterans and all citizens in which to *Live, Work and Thrive* and always be recognized as the #1 state for veterans in America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan. Gade". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Daniel Gade, PhD, Commissioner
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

VFW Opens Annual Youth Patriotic Scholarship Contests

The programs award more than \$3 million to middle and high school students

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (April 13, 2022) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is now accepting entries for its 2022-23 Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen youth scholarship competitions. America's high school students will be required to answer, "Why Is the Veteran Important?" while middle school students will have the opportunity to declare, "My Pledge to Our Veterans."

Encouraging a better understanding and appreciation for America, the VFW's Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen essay competitions help foster patriotism among today's youth. The programs also offer friendly competition as well as reward success in the form of individual scholarships totaling more than \$3 million.

The Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition is open to all students in grades 9-12, with the top national prize scholarship totaling \$30,000. Nearly 25,000 high school students compete in the annual competition. This year's winner, Daniela Mare, was sponsored by VFW Post 9486 and its Auxiliary in Centereach, New York.

Open to all students in grades 6-8, more than 68,800 students participate annually in the Patriot's Pen essay competition. Syed Ali, the 2021-2022 Patriot's Pen first place winner, was sponsored by VFW Post 521 and its Auxiliary in New Iberia, Louisiana.

Student entries may be submitted (along with a completed entry form) to their local participating VFW Post. The deadline for both contests is **Oct. 31, 2022**.

—VFW—



Shriners honor State Senior Vice Commander Geoff Lyster

On Saturday [March 26], VFW leaders gathered to help Shriners honor State Senior Vice Commander Geoff Lyster who finished his term as Commander for the International Association Legions of Honor Mid-Atlantic Region. The organization is for veterans who are Shriners and the Mid-Atlantic Region stretches from Virginia to New York. State Commander Butch Schupska led the delegation and gave remarks. Joining Butch was State Judge Advocate Mitch Rubenstein and Past State Commander Ken Wiseman. Geoff also serves as an international officer of the association and oversees an area stretching from Kansas to Saskatchewan. Congratulations!



VFW VIRGINIA FACEBOOK

VFW Day of Service – Call to Action #StillServing
8:45 am - 3:00 pm, 13 May 2022
12933 Popes Head Road. Clifton, VA 20124
Entrance to the farm is on Popes Head Road

VFW Post 1503 invites VFW and Auxiliary members to the Inaugural VFW Day of Service at the Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding Program (NVTRP) in Clifton, VA.

On 13 May 2022 from 8:45 am - 3:00 pm we will have two shifts of volunteers replacing wood fencing at the farm. Please go here to sign up for a shift: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4fabae22ab9-vfwday>

The necessary materials (boards and screws) will be purchased by NVTRP. VFW will make donations to cover the cost of supplies for this project.

What to Bring: Battery operated driver / drills, screw driver bits, extra battery/charger, small pry bars, hammer, work gloves, boots, hat, water bottle, snacks to stay fueled, sunscreen, rain coat or layered clothing for the weather. This is a rain or shine project.

VFW Post 1503 Auxiliary will provide a light lunch at NVTRP.

Schedule:

8:45 am: Check-in for work assignment - NVTRP - 12933 Popes Head Road. Clifton, VA 20124

9:00am - 12:00pm Morning Shift team work

11:45am: Afternoon Shift Check In and work assignment

12:00 pm Brief lunch break

12:00pm - 3:00pm Afternoon shift team work

3:00pm - project completion. Team pictures!

VFW Post 1503 will be making a significant donation for the cost of this project. We are seeking donations from all VFW 10th District Posts and Auxiliaries to pay for the supplies needed for this project. All Posts and Auxiliaries are requested to bring a check made payable to NVTRP. Contact project organizer Ken Eggers at eggerskf@yahoo.com or (703) 300-6060 if your Post/Aux can make a donation.

About Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding program (NVTRP). www.nvtrp.org

NVTRP is seeking to build relationships with veteran organizations and recently presented at the 10th District meeting. Contact Wendy Baird at NVTRP (703) 764-0269 or wbaird@nvtrp.org if you would like a presentation of the services they provide veterans.

NVTRP is a non-profit 501(c)(3) that helps each individual realize their highest potential by providing equine-assisted activities to people with disabilities, youth-at-risk, recovering military personnel, and others in need in an inclusive, community setting.

NVTRP offers special sessions for recovering military service members and veterans. These lessons are a mixture of therapeutic riding and equine-assisted learning and focus on the participants relationship-building with the horse, which allows for healing in many ways. Horses are non-judgmental partners who thrive on positive relationships and teamwork. Working with horses requires clear, confident communication; a calm, focused intention; and being physically active and outdoors. All of these and are essential to helping recovering military service members and veterans adapt to the world out of service or home with family again. Other benefits of NVTRP are the warm, welcoming staff and volunteers and the tranquil nature of the environment which helps these individuals continue to return to this new situation and create bonds with humans as well as horses.

Our servicemen and women work long hours and spend extended periods of time away from their families in order to protect our country and others who are less fortunate around the world. The sacrifices they make while fighting for our freedom allow us to enjoy the way of life to which we've grown accustomed. In return, and with the help of our generous donors, NVTRP is able to provide equine assisted services free of charge to military participants.

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 or 703-791-0627
if interested or for more information.



MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE
 in **CINDERELLA** with the
 Manassas Ballet
 Theatre Orchestra

at the

May 20-22
 Tickets starting at \$25
www.hyltoncenter.org
 703-993-7759

Also Streaming Starting
 6/4 at 7:30 pm EDT
<https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mbtcinderella>

For more information: manassasballet.org
info@manassasballet.org • (703) 257-1811

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



**Veterans
Crisis Line**
 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

Confidential chat at 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, May 2, Painting on Canvas

- Learn painting techniques!

Apply here: <https://asapasap.org/programs/painting-on-canvas/>

WASHINGTON DC: Sat, May 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

- 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

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



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



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**

**Virginia Department of Veterans
Services Manassas Office**

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Upcoming Events

May 2	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — (The Auxiliary will provide dinner at 6:00 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 6	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
June 14	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
June 9—11	State Convention — Portsmouth
June 18	Post Anniversary Cookout — 2:00 PM
July 11	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available) Post Meeting — 7:30 PM (Instead of July 4)
July 16—21	National Convention, Kansas City, MO
August 1	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
August 8	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
August 20	District 8 SOI & Meeting — King George — 9:00 AM — Meeting follows SOI

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