

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
May 2023



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On March 24th Post Commander Wayne Moore, Chaplain Ron Knowles, Comrades Rod Burr and Peter MacLeod along with other veterans organizations celebrated WWII veteran Dennis Dunlap's 102nd Birthday at Wellington at Lake Manassas, Gainesville.

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## Commander's Message



**Wayne Moore**

Celebrating Asian American Month  
(The Internment of Japanese Citizens)

As we recognize their contributions, let's remember the unwarranted suffering. Eradicating the past is the goal of many in our country while attempting to utilize the very same process they wish not to awaken.

Japanese internment camps were established during World War II by President Franklin D. Roosevelt through his Executive Order 9066. From 1942 to

1945, the policy of the U.S. government was that people of Japanese descent, including U.S. citizens, would be incarcerated in isolated camps. Enacted in reaction to the Pearl Harbor attacks and the ensuing war, the incarceration of Japanese Americans (120,000) is considered one of the most atrocious violations of American civil rights in the 20th century.

The arrestees were transferred to prison camps in Montana, New Mexico, and North Dakota, many were unable to inform their families and remained for the duration of the war. Private homes of thousands of Japanese American residents on the West Coast, seizing items considered contraband. One-third of Hawaii's population was of Japanese descent; many were incarcerated, and livelihood fishing boats impounded.

Lt. General John L. DeWitt, leader of the Western Defense Command, prepared a report filled with known falsehoods to justify the action. However, an original plan included Italians and Germans, though the idea of rounding-up Americans of European descent was not as popular.

During a night march, two Japanese were shot for not being able to keep up, (an alternative fact was given as a reason). Overcrowding and insufficient rations led to anger and tension which in turn resulted in beatings or tear gas in fear of a possible riot. Fear and ignorance were the driving force that these Americans went from neighbors to the enemy in one day.

America's 442<sup>nd</sup> all-Nisei Regiment were American-born citizens of Japanese ancestry, few had traveled to Japan or spoke Japanese. Facing ongoing intolerance and limited opportunities for employment and integration into American society, the Nisei men were anxious to prove their devotion to their country. y. Fighting in five major campaigns in the European and Mediterranean theaters, and sustaining massive losses, the four-four-two went on to become the **most decorated unit** of its size in U.S. military history, receiving more than 18,000 awards for a battalion of 14,000 men over the course of the war. Their battle cry! "Go for Broke."

### Reparations

The last Japanese internment camp closed in March 1946. President Gerald Ford officially repealed Executive Order 9066 in 1976, and in 1988, Congress issued a formal apology and passed the Civil Liberties Act awarding \$20,000 each to over 80,000 Japanese Americans as reparations for their treatment.

[Japanese Internment Camps: WWII, Life & Conditions | HISTORY](#)

## Auxiliary President



**Mary Corkhill**



Mother's Day 2023 will occur on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. Mother's Day traditionally involves presenting moms with flowers, cards and other gifts.



Armed Forces Day is a special holiday for people 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. Today, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday of May. This year it falls on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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. Memorial Day 2023 will occur on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget the events in May: An Italian dinner for the comrades on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM, a pizza party for the children after the flag retirement event on May 6<sup>th</sup> and with the Post, two wreath laying ceremonies at the Manassas Veterans Memorial (8:30 AM) and Francis Cannon's grave (9:00 AM) on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Auxiliary was honored to have entries in the Illustrating American arts program, Get Excited for the Red, White & Blue singing competition, and the High School Patriotic Arts. Congratulations to all four Illustrating American entries, to Jake Miller for his Star-Spangled Banner entry and Carrie Chiara for her Patriotic Art. All entries were forwarded to the Department for judging.

The Auxiliary Officers for 2023-2024 are: President: Mary Corkhill, Sr. Vice: Ellie Smith, Jr. Vice: Cindy McIntyre, Secretary: Ann Mitchell, Treasurer: Elanor Doezi, Chaplain: Cookie Cullen, Conductress: Janet Raskin, Guard: Patsy Gough, Trustee 1: Janet Raskin, Trustee 2: Yvonne Sullivan, Trustee 3: Jan Germain, Patriotic Instructor: Lorrie Allen-Smith, Historians: Patsy Gough, Yvonne Sullivan & Jan Germain.

A reminder that the Department Convention is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk in Portsmouth, VA. There are two candidates running for Department Guard, Cara Buckley and Nancy Kearney. Also a reminder that the National Convention is in Phoenix, AZ from July 22-27, 2023.



From the National VFW Home website:

**"FINDING REFUGE FROM CRISIS.** Almost a century ago, the VFW National Home began as a place where families left behind by war could remain together. Today, the National

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Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America’s military and veterans’ families.” There are three ways to support the National Home: purchase a brick, a monetary donation or sign up for a life membership for \$50.00. You can do all three at the following email address: <https://vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>. Thank you for your support.

There are several members and/or family members facing medical issues, illness, hospitalization or have gone to their Heavenly Home. Please keep them in your prayers.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



Carrie Chiara

Respecting and appreciating the country a person calls home defines being patriotic, which to some, can be in different spaces. No matter what their gender, ethnicity, or nationality, they’ll fight for their countrymen and women, showing their pride. Military services impact people in different ways and change their philosophy. Many are away from their loved ones, such as family and spouses. Long distance can be challenging since most cannot support their loves ones physically and watch them grow. This leads to hardships that can cause mental health problems. To overcome faced challenges , keep in the back of the mind of the people they’re fighting for. As Theodore Roosevelt once stated, “Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President” emphasizing that true patriots will serve their nation rather than an individual . A soldier doesn’t just serve their country, but also serves the person they call home.



Patriotic Art Recipient Carrie Chiara and President Mary Corkhill



Get Excited for the Red, White & Blue singing competition recipient, Jake Miller with President Mary Corkhill

## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds everyone well and enjoying the arrival of spring. We held our last meeting on 20 April at the Post. It was attended by Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Peter MacLeod, Erika Laos, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. Alex will update you on scouting activities in his Scouting report. I would just like to mention our awarded Post

Scout of the Year winners at the last Post meeting on 3 April. Eagle Scout Kyle Houchin was our first place winner and also won at the District level. As soon as we hear about the results of the Department judging I will release the results. We wish Kyle much success as he goes forward in the competition.



Kyle Houchin, Post 7589's 1st Place Eagle Scout of the Year with Youth Committee Chair Lou Filippone at the Post's award ceremony on April 3.



Cadet Caroline White with Lou Filippone and Mary Corkhill

We are currently participating in the local area JROTC and CAP award ceremonies. I am pleased to report Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself just attended the AFJROTC Award Ceremony at Battlefield High School in Haymarket on 26 April. The VFW JROTC Award went to Cadet Caroline White, a rising junior, who was elected as one of the top three Cadets to lead her squadron next year. She is an impressive student and Cadet and the VFW knows she will be very successful in her future military career.

The other four award events are as follows:

- Seton School Awards Ceremony  
Wednesday May 3 at 7:00 PM.
- Unity Reed High School AFJROTC Awards Ceremony  
Wednesday, 10 May at 2:30 PM.
- Osbourn Park High School NJROTC Awards Ceremony  
Tuesday, 16 May at 6:00 PM.
- Manassas Civil Air Patrol Awards Ceremony Tuesday, 16 May at 7:00 PM.

Just a reminder about our Spring Flag Retirement Ceremony which is scheduled for 6 May at the Post at 10:00 AM. If you are attending and also want to participate please arrive at 9:30 AM in order to help set up for the event. As mentioned in our last newsletter Troop and Pack 1372 as well as other invited Scout units will be conducting the ceremony and participating. The event will last until noon and will be followed by a pizza party hosted by the Auxiliary. We hope you can attend and I know you would find it an enjoyable experience. You will really be impressed by the maturity and professionalism the Scouts exhibit when they run the event.

Memorial Day is fast approaching. Please remember that our Scouts from Troop and Pack 1372 will be participating in our Veterans Memorial Services at 8:30 AM and Flag Placements at 9:00 AM at the Manassas Cemetery on Monday, 29 May. Please attend and show your respect for our fallen Comrades and your support for our Scouts. Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Peter MacLeod and Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill are instrumental in coordinating these activities for both Memorial and Veterans Day and we are grateful to them for all their time and volunteerism.

National just announced the themes for this years' Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy contests. The theme for Patriot's Pen is "How Are You Inspired by America?" The Voice of Democracy theme is "What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?" These are two compelling topics which should make for a great 2023 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 launch the essay contests right before school lets out and begin again in late summer when classes resume. The deadline for both contests is 31 October 2023. If you are interested in joining us for the Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy programs 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, 18 May at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us and help mentor our youth. It's an investment in our Country's future.

With best regards,  
Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair

## Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

On the surface our scouts had a somewhat slower month, but they were always keeping busy.

The troops worked on their rank advancements, merit badges and planning for Summer Camp, Jamboree, and World Jamboree.

The younger cub scouts are trying to finish the year off strong while preparing for some summertime family activities like the rain-gutter regatta. They also enjoyed

the spring weather with a nice short hike.

Our older scouts in the venturing crew are preparing for the national jamboree with some fundraisers to help cover the costs of the camp as well as some other activities/camping that they are planning.

Our troops had a conservation project at Polk Park during a Clean our City day. They helped to beautify and clean the area.

On 4/29 our Crew is leading our other scouts in volunteering at

Blooms Crossing day by helping out wherever the organizers need them. They will be there for hours running whichever stations they are assigned to.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> our troops will be fundraising at the Texas Roadhouse on Liberia Ave. Please come out, have a good dinner and support our scouts.

Upcoming activities will include the flag retirement at our post on 5/6 at 10 A.M. Our scouts will also be there on Memorial Day with the post to place a wreath at the veterans memorial and the grave site of Francis Cannon. They will then place flags at the veterans grave sites at the Manassas Cemetery. During this time they also clean up around the cemetery where needed.

In May the troops have a camping trip planned in Williamsburg where they will go to Go-Ape which is an aerial obstacle course.

Be safe,

Alex & Tina Bliem  
VFW Post 7589  
Pack, Troops, Crew 1372

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**The VFW Department of Virginia is turning 100 this year and we are celebrating across the state with our members. Come join us at one of these locations. We will have food, fun, music, and giveaways. So, RSVP Online at one, or all of these locations. Just click on any of the links You want to attend, to RSVP. We hope to see you there. These events are free to our members. It is you the membership who have made this Department the great organization that it is and it is you the membership we celebrate.**

June 3, 2023, State Convention Portsmouth [https://VFW\\_VA\\_100\\_Portsmouth.eventbrite.com](https://VFW_VA_100_Portsmouth.eventbrite.com)

August 26, 2023, Post 8163, Clarksville [https://VFW\\_VA\\_100\\_Clarksville.eventbrite.com](https://VFW_VA_100_Clarksville.eventbrite.com)

September 16, 2023, Post 1264, Roanoke [https://VFW\\_VA\\_100\\_Roanoke.eventbrite.com](https://VFW_VA_100_Roanoke.eventbrite.com)

September 23, 2023, Post 4667, Marion [https://VFW\\_VA\\_100\\_Marion.eventbrite.com](https://VFW_VA_100_Marion.eventbrite.com)



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## Ads for fake AI and other software spread malicious software

By  
Alvaro Puig  
Consumer Education Specialist  
April 13, 2023

There's a lot of hype around artificial intelligence (AI) these days. And cybercriminals are taking advantage of people's interest in AI to spread harmful malware through online ads.

The criminals run bogus ads for AI tools and other software on social media sites and on search engines. These savvy cybercriminals can evade detection by systems designed to ferret out malicious advertising. They can also evade anti-virus software.

If you click on a malicious ad, you end up on a cloned site that downloads malware onto your device. But some ads take you to the real software and download the malware through a "backdoor," which makes it hard to know you got hacked. Then, the criminals could steal your information and sell it to other hackers on the dark web, or get access to your online accounts and scam others. So, how do you avoid clicking on malicious ads that install malware?

Don't click on ads to download software. If you see an ad for software that piques your interest, don't click on it. Instead, go to the website by typing in the address.

If you don't know the website address, search for it. But remember that scammers also place ads on search engines. They'll appear at the top of your search results page and might have a label that says "Ad" or "Sponsored". Scroll past those to get to your search results.

Malicious ads might evade anti-virus software, but it's still a good idea to make sure your computer's security software, operating system, and Internet browser, and your phone, are up to date. And turn on automatic updates to keep up with the latest protections.

If you run into problems, follow these steps to remove malware:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-remove-avoid-malware#remove>

or recover a hacked account:

[How To Recover Your Hacked Email or Social Media Account | Consumer Advice \(ftc.gov\)](https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-remove-avoid-malware#recover)

Submitted by Gunny Lewis



### Members of VFW Post 7589

You are cordially invited  
to an Italian Dinner  
provided by the Auxiliary  
on

May 1, 2023 at 6:30pm





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Hylton Presents  
**CAMMO Voices**

Saturday, May 13 at 8 p.m.  
 Hylton Performing Arts Center, Merchant Hall



**The Center for American Military Music Opportunities (CAMMO)** joins with George Mason University's Veterans and the Arts Initiative to present a concert that honors our Servicemembers, their spouses, and families. CAMMO Voices comprises the world-renowned Voices of Service and American Military Spouses Choir, Tommy Stanley, Donnie Isaacs, and @Eaze. The emcee for the evening is standup comedian and combat-wounded Army Veteran Dewayne White.

The ensemble @Eaze kicks off the evening with their unique musical stylings and includes active duty, retired, and Veteran Servicemembers spanning our nation's Armed Forces. Tommy Stanley, Navy Veteran and NBC *Nashville Star* finalist brings his soulful rock voice to the stage. The evening-length celebration continues with *America's Got Talent* finalist the American Military Spouses

Choir, comprising military spouses from all branches of the military. Country singer and songwriter Donnie Isaac's, a combat Veteran, follows with his service story told through his music. Closing the concert is *America's Got Talent* Season 14 Top 5 Finalist, Voices of Service. Retired Master Sgt. Caleb Green, retired Staff Sgt. Ron Henry, retired Sgt. Maj. Christal Rheams, and retired Sgt. 1st Class Jason Hanna bring their powerful voices and message to this moving vocal performance.

CAMMO Voices uses its platform to increase awareness of what music can do for those coping with visible and/or invisible wounds. Feel the healing power of music infused with a message of hope and community. Experience the diversity and excellence that exists within our military and Veteran communities in this powerful performance by CAMMO Voices.

*George Mason University's Veterans and the Arts Initiative is a proud sponsor of this performance, providing **free tickets for Veterans and Servicemembers.***

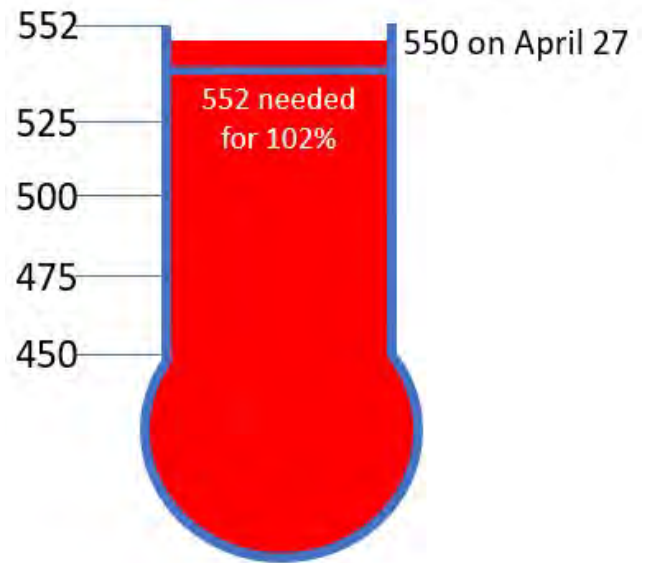
This performance is appropriate for all ages.

**Free for Veterans and Servicemembers with ID (up to two tickets each). Free tickets only available in person at the Hylton Center Ticket Office.**





**ANNUAL MEMBERS  
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP**



**100% achieved on March 14**

**Post 7589 Service Officer  
Monti Zimmerman  
703-223-2211**



## Legacy Life membership

This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are three levels of membership; each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Enrollment Cost:

Annual Payouts:

Levels	Posts	Departments	National
Gold-	\$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

Member Incentives	Bronze \$400	Silver \$800	Gold \$1200
Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card*	●	●	●
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Special Legacy Life Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch*	●	●	●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza*	●	●	●
VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) *	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment: Department	\$6	\$12	\$18

**2023-24 Post Officers**

Commander	Wayne Moore
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**2023-24 Auxiliary Officers**

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Trustee 2	Yvonne Sullivan
Trustee 3	Jan Germain
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	Lorrie Allen Smith



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We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

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

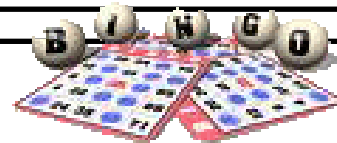
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## Upcoming Events

May 1	Auxiliary will serve an Italian dinner at 6:30 PM Post meeting — 7:30 PM
May 6	Flag retirement — 10:00AM. A pizza party will follow for all attending.
May 8	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
May 11—13	National Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event — National Mall
May 13	CAMMO Voices at Hylton Performing Arts Center — Veterans Free — Get tickets at the Hylton box office
May 18	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
May 19—21	Manassas Ballet Theatre Presents “Swan Lake” at the Hylton Performing Arts Center
June 1– 4	State Convention, Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel, 425 Water Street, Portsmouth, VA; phone 757-673-3000. Room Rates are \$149.00 per night. Group name: “Virginia Department VFW & Auxiliary State Convention 2023”; Cut-off Date May 28, 2023.
June 5	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
June 12	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
June 15	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
July 22—27	National Convention — Phoenix, AZ
August 5	District 8 SOI & Meeting — Post 3103 Fredericksburg — 9:00 AM

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