

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
June 2023



JEANMARIE KOMYATHY

While on an Honor Flight to Washington DC on April 27, Legionnaire Marie Komyathy (96), who helps with our Wednesday Bingo, had the honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Comrades,

The 2022-23 year is rapidly approaching its end and has been outstanding for the Post and Department. I believe for the first time the Post has met all the requirements for All-State and All-American 3-4 months before the deadline. We ended the period with a record 102 percent in recruitment (no small feat). Our activism in the community includes several programs (Scouts, Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, Bingo, Hall Rentals, and various charitable contributions within

the community.) The dedicated comrades whose determination and the daily grind in accomplishing these tasks have made Post 7589 a notable contributor to the Veterans of Foreign Wars' overall mission.

Legislative Chairman Zimmerman and Quartermaster Raskin as members of The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) were superb, relentless, and instrumental in two pieces of legislation passing through this year. I am sure most of you are aware of the PACT Act (please register, if not interested do it for your family). On the local front in September 2022, Gov. Youngkin finally signed into law a small but progressive state tax relief for retired veterans. Without question Post 7589 was upfront in the forward-leaning ensuring these efforts came to fruition.

There are numerous comrades and Auxiliary members whose hard work keeps Post 7589 in conversation on the state and national levels. Without their contributions, I as the commander would not be recognized nor wear the hats I do. My sincere thanks to each one for making me look good.

While I tout our progress and efforts, I would not be doing justice if I did not mention the need for more member participation in special situations. We completed Buddy Poppy distribution on 5/27/23 (our biggest to date) with barely four people juggling other commitments. Not everyone can routinely participate but surely the three times a year when participation is crucial we can and must do better.

In closing, I will shamelessly ask for your continued support for the 2023-2024 year. Remember recruiting is an all-hands effort. However, more importantly, the numbers give us the power to demand what we earned and hold Washington from taking away the little we do have. Lip service without action means nothing. Let's keep the pressure on, lest they forget.

DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US!

Sincerely,

Wayne Moore
Commander

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



The D-Day invasion of Normandy and France on June 6, 1944, was one of the most important military operations in the western Allies' success during World War II. By the end of June, more than

850,000 US, British, and Canadian troops had come ashore on the beaches of Normandy. The United States played a big part in the planning and execution of that operation.

In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14th as the official date for Flag Day, and in 1949 the U.S. Congress permanently established the date as National Flag Day. All Americans are encouraged to fly the U.S. flag.



Every year on the third Sunday in June, Father's Day is celebrated in the United States. It is a day to commemorate fathers and the crucial role they play in people's lives, from childhood through to adulthood. This year it's on June 18. **HAPPY FA-**

THER'S DAY!!

There are two important dates to remember: The Department Convention scheduled for June 1-4, 2023 at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk in Portsmouth, VA and the National Convention in Phoenix, AZ from July 22-27, 2023.

Congratulations to Ms. Carrie Chiara for placing third at the Department level for her Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest entry. We are so proud of her achievement. We are starting to distribute the upcoming year's contests information to the local schools. The VFW contests deadline for Voice of Democracy ("*What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?*"), Patriots Pen ("*How Are You Inspired by America?*") and Teacher of the Year is October 31, 2023. The Scout of the Year deadline is March 1, 2024. The Auxiliary's contest for Continuous Education deadline is February 15, 2024 and the application is forwarded directly to VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters in Kansas City, MO. The Young American Creative Patriotic Art (grades 9-12), Get Excited for the Red, White & Blue (K-12) singing competition and Illustrating America (K-8) art contest deadline is March 31, 2024. If you wish to know more about the different contests, please let us know.

"The VFW National Home assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment." PLEASE purchase a life membership for \$50 or support their tribute brick program. The email for signing up to become a life member or donating to the VFW National Home is: <https://vfnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>. Thank you for

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How to Report Online

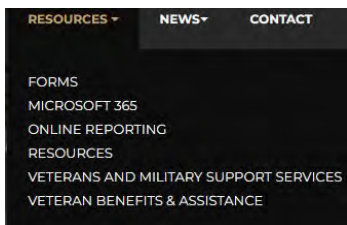
There are five categories of required reports:

- Americanism
- Community Service
- Safety
- Youth Activities
- Hospital

A Post must submit the above reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 - October 31) and once during the second half (November 1—April 30).

Anyone can submit a report and here’s how to do it online:

Go to www.vfwva.org and click on [Resources](#). Then click [Online Reporting](#) from the dropdown menu.



For Post 7589, the login information is:

Username: 7589
Password: post7589

Then click on: [Click here](#) to view/add reports

Welcome to Program Reporting

Post Number:

Password:

Login to Online Reporting

Click Submit Reports



Submit Report

Americanism

Community Service

Safety

Youth Activities

Hospital

Select the report type and click continue

You will be taken to a screen from where you enter pertinent information.

Note: Cost is mileage @ 14¢ per mile (round trip) plus any expense you encounter.

Hours are computed from the time you left home to when you returned.

When you are finished click SUBMIT and you are done.

That’s all there is to it.

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your support.

We are requesting special prayers for Yvonne Sullivan for an unexpected partial hip replacement surgery, Patsy Gough who took a fall (but is getting better), Ann Mitchell who is facing medical issues, and any member and/or family members who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their Heavenly Home. Please keep them in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President

Memorial Day ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial



PHOTOS BY RICK RASKIN

Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes all our members are having a happy and healthy spring. We held our last meeting on 18 May at the Post. The meeting was attended by Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Erika Laos, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and me. Comrade Peter MacLeod participated by conference call. The first issue discussed was the condition of the Post sign. As you may recall, last year an Eagle Scout candidate from our Post was supposed to

replace the sign, but the project got bogged down with the City of Manassas in the permit process. The project was then changed to a sign restoration, but unfortunately the Scout left the Troop to focus on his senior year activities at school. The sign is currently in a state of disrepair and poorly represents our Post to both the public and to prospective members. It is exhibiting signs of rotting wood and peeling paint. The VFW decal is separating and coiling up into a scroll. We revisited this project, and it was decided to have some of the adult leaders from Troop 1372 try to stabilize the sign with wood filler, paint and a new set of decals. We were thinking it could be done on some weekend or weekday afternoon. This would hold us until the sign could be replaced at a later date. We'll have more information on this project as it develops. If anyone is interested in helping with this project, just let us know. Another Scout project that came up was the storage shed behind the Post. It needs some painting, and we discussed the possibility of letting our Scout Troop take this job on.

Our essay contest programs were discussed at length and involved closure of last year's campaign and the startup of the 2023 program. With regards to last year, we had a few loose ends to take care of involving runner up certificates for a small number of Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy students. Problems can arise with misspellings and wrong school designations on certificates and with hard to reach home schooled students. We get a few of these every year and thanks to the patience and hard work of Adjutant Ron Link we were able to issue corrected certificates to the students involved. We also made special arrangements to distribute certificates to the home schooled students.

Looking forward to 2023, a complete list of area middle and high schools was reviewed and school assignments made to youth committee members. Even though it is early we will begin contacting our assigned schools and lay the groundwork for this year's program.

The month of May was extremely busy with award ceremonies for our Post with JROTC and the Civil Air Patrol. As you may recall, we presented the VFW Bronze Award to Cadet Caroline White at Battlefield High School in late April. We participated in four award ceremonies in May!

They were as follows:

- 3 May 2023 we presented to Seton School a plaque for sponsorship of John McGraw, the Virginia Department Voice of Democracy winner.
- 10 May 2023 we presented Cadet 2Lt Joshua Fraser the VFW Bronze Award at Unity Reed High School.
- 16 May 2023 we presented Cadet Andrea Ferrera the VFW Bronze Award at Osbourn Park High School
- 16 May 2023 we presented SMSgt Aleena Owens the NCO Award and C/Lt Col Chris Pewett with the Officer Award at the Civil Air Patrol meeting.

We continually receive requests for funding youth related activities through the Paul Chase Youth Fund. We, as a committee, vote on the merit of each request and if approved arrange for funding through Past State Commander / Post Quartermaster Rick Raskin. A few requests came up and were voted on. Comrade Paul Chase and his goodwill lives on, and he would be proud to see the young lives he is changing with his generosity. Alex and Tina were discussing the upcoming Scouting activities and camps scheduled for this summer. It looks like they are going to have a very busy season with the Scouts. I'll let them discuss the details in their Scouting report. The 6 May Flag Retirement Ceremony was another resounding success with great attendance and participation and cooperative weather. 7 VFW members, 4 Auxiliary members, 15 BSA, 11 Troop Leaders and 2 Cub Scouts attended. Scouts from Pack 1355, 1372 B&G and Crew 1372 were present. A big thank you goes out to all who participated especially to comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Past State Commander Rick Raskin, Commander Wayne Moore, Chaplain Ron Knowles and comrades Peter MacLeod and Kelly Williams, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, Auxiliary members Janet Raskin, Yvonne Sullivan and Joey Bliem and the adult leaders of Troop 1372. Firemen from Engine 501 even came and retired flags.

On Memorial Day Scouts from Troop and Pack 1372 participated in Veterans Memorial Services at 8:30 AM followed by Flag Placements at 9:00 AM at the Manassas Cemetery.

We hope you had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and look forward to seeing you at our next Youth Committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, 15 June at the Post at 7:00 PM.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

Post presents Civil Air Patrol and JROTC Awards



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Civil Air Patrol NCO Aleena Owens and Officer C/Lt Col Chris Pewett receive their awards from Mary Corkhill and Lou Filippone.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

JROTC Cadet 2LT Joshua Fraser receives his award from Peter MacLeod and Mary Corkhill assisted by Unity Reed HS JROC advisor LTC Darryl Robinson, USAF-RET.

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

In May the scouts had another very successful flag retirement ceremony. We had many scouts and many parents, leaders, VFW and Auxiliary members in attendance. The scouts retired roughly 500 flags in a couple of hours. This occurred after an opening flag ceremony and readings from our scouts about our flag and the retirement ceremony itself. Afterwards the scouts were treated to and enjoyed a pizza lunch provided by the auxiliary. As per tradition the grommets from the retired

flags were collected afterwards and will be handed back to the scouts and adults to keep.

Our scouts held a couple of fundraisers in May. Our older venturing crew held a car wash at Nathans Ice Cream to help fund some of their future activities and trips. This was very successful. Our Troop had a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse in which we saw many post members and scouting families attending. They also sold hot sauce from a table in the front of the restaurant. From what I have heard this was pretty successful as well. Texas Roadhouse was very accommodating to our scouts.

We also had a very large turnout at the Troops "Iron Chef" campout in May. Here they split into 6 groups and competed against each other cooking meals with the same ingredients. They invited a Cub Scout Webelos den to camp with them for the weekend and everyone had a great time.

Be safe,

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



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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

August 26, 2023, Post 8163, Clarksville https://VFW_VA_100_Clarksville.eventbrite.com

September 16, 2023, Post 1264, Roanoke https://VFW_VA_100_Roanoke.eventbrite.com

September 23, 2023, Post 4667, Marion https://VFW_VA_100_Marion.eventbrite.com

Flag Retirement Ceremony — Saturday May 6

We had a successful Flag Retirement. According to our sign in sheet we had 39 participants. (I know there were some that didn't sign in.) We had 7 VFW Members, 4 VFW Auxiliary Members, 15 BSA Scouts, 11 Troop Leaders and 2 Cub Scouts and youth from Pack 1355, Troop 1372 B&G, Crew 1372. We also had several Firemen from Engine 501 come and retire a handful of flags. —Tina Bliem — Photos by Rick Raskin



JLC Report

An informal after-action meeting was held at Post 9808 on April 14. At that time the outcome of the proposals offered to the legislature were evaluated and a roadmap going forward discussed.

The JLC met formally at the Virginia War Memorial on May 9. The agenda included a wrap up of last year's legislative session (4 wins) and the prospect of reintroducing JLC 2023-02 and JLC 2023-03 for the next session.

2023 Joint Leadership Council Legislative Initiatives Status

JLC 2023-01 Constitutional amendment; property tax exemption for certain surviving spouses. Constitutional amendment. Signed by the Governor, **Will be reintroduced in 2024 Session, and if passed and signed will require a referendum in the 2024 General Election.**

JLC 2023-04 Military spouses; burial fees. **Signed by the Governor and becomes effective 1 July 2023.**

JLC 2023-05 Virginia National Guard Passport established; free entry and parking. **Signed by the Governor and becomes effective 1 July 2023.**

JLC 2023-06 Income tax subtraction; National Guard. Increases from \$3,000 to \$5,500 the income tax subtraction for wages or salaries. Also expands the military ranks that qualify to 06 and below: **Signed by the Governor and will be effective for calendar year 2023.**

JLC 2023-02 Real property tax; exemption for disabled veterans and surviving spouses. Provides that a person who is eligible for the real property tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses is entitled to a refund, retroactive to his date of eligibility, of taxes paid during the period of exemption, excluding interest or penalties. Under the bill, the refund is exempt from the statute of limitations for applications for correction of an assessment. **Currently not included in the General Assembly Budget.**

JLC 2023-03 Income tax, state; military benefits subtraction, age restriction. Income tax; military benefits subtraction; age restriction. Removes the age 55 or older restriction on those individuals allowed a military benefits income tax subtraction beginning with taxable year. **Currently not included in the General Assembly Budget.**

Charitable Gaming

I spoke on the issues with charitable gaming in the Commonwealth and shared the VFW position paper drafted by PSC Tom Gimble, Past CIC Hal Roesch, and myself.

Legislative chair Monti Zimmerman and I previously had a Zoom meeting with Senator Bryce Reeves who is working the gaming issues. There is a plan to address the issues through a working group of state legislators and hopefully arrive at an acceptable solution without involving the next legislative session or the JLC. Should an acceptable solution not be reached I will modify our position paper accordingly and introduce a JLC initiative for which Senator Reeves agreed to be a patron. I have wide support within the JLC and do not foresee any issues getting approval for an initiative if needed.

Department of Veteran Services Report

DVS Commissioner Daniel Gade gave an update on several items:

- A Virginia is for Veterans logo has been approved.
- \$5M has been allocated for suicide prevention.
- Data has been obtained to support the outreach program.
- A woman's Veteran license plate is in the design phase should be available in the fall.
- The DVS has updated performance measurements.
- The Puller Veterans Facility at Vint Hill has construction delays – hopefully opening in November.

Department of Military Affairs Report

Major General Timothy Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia, reported 50 National Guard members will be deployed to Eastern Europe to establish brigade operations which potentially could grow to 4300 soldiers.

MG Williams also is grateful that the JLC has been instrumental in National Guard support.

MG Williams is retiring in June and his successor will be Brigadier General Jim Ring.

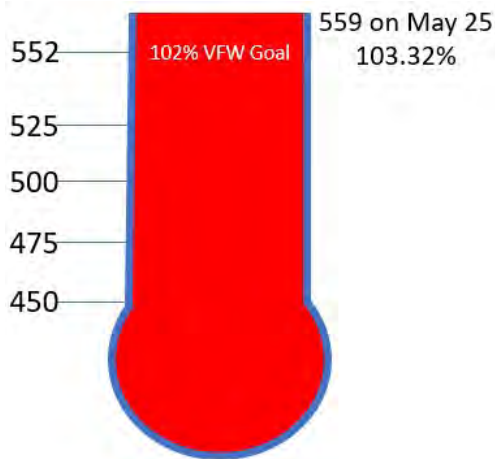
JLC Chair Denise Williams presented MG Williams with a plaque honoring his service.

JLC Organization

Legislative Chair John Clickener, Marine Corps League stepped down for health reasons. Glenn Yarborough, AUSA was appointed interim chair.

The next JLC meeting will be July 13 at the Virginia War Memorial.

Rick Raskin
PSC
JLC Representative



Congratulations to all who helped Post 7589 exceed our membership goal. We earned All-State and All-American status.

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AND ACTION ALERTS

Use camera mode to scan code



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Post 7589 Service Officer

Monti Zimmerman

703-223-2211



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

Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net
or text to **838255**

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* | ● | ● | ● |
| Lapel Pin* | ● | ● | ● |
| Hat Pin* | ● | ● | ● |
| Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life members* | ● | ● | ● |
| Framed Legacy Life membership Certificate | ● | ● | ● |
| Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program | ● | ● | ● |
| 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 |

Honor Flight - Top of Virginia

Honor Flight - Top of Virginia, a hub of the Honor Flight Network, was created solely to honor America’s veterans for all their sacrifices. They transport our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Top priority is given to the senior veterans – World War II survivors, along with those other veterans who may be terminally ill. **They are currently accepting applications from any Veterans who served prior to 1975.**

<https://www.honorflight-tov.org/>



honorflight-tov.org

Marie Komyathy and daughter JeanMarie at Honor Flight on April 29.



honorflight-tov.org

The group at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC.

Upcoming Events

| | |
|------------|--|
| 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 June 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 3 | Post meeting — 7:30 PM |
| July 10 | Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM |
| July 20 | Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM |
| July 22–27 | National Convention — Phoenix, AZ |
| August 7 | Post meeting — 7:30 PM |
| August 5 | District 8 SOI & Meeting — Post 3103 Fredericksburg — 9:00 AM |
| August 14 | Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM |
| August 17 | Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM |

2023-24 Post Officers

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Commander | Wayne Moore |
| Senior Vice Commander | Lou Filippone |
| Junior Vice Commander | Bobby Knight |
| Quartermaster | Rick Raskin |
| Chaplain | Ron Knowles |
| 1 Year Trustee | Dave Mattingly |
| 2 Year Trustee | Chris Morgan |
| 3 Year Trustee | Lamar Baker |
| Adjutant | Ron Link |
| Service Officer | Monti Zimmerman |
| Judge Advocate | Bobby Knight |
| Surgeon | Alex Bliem |

2023-24 Auxiliary Officers

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



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!

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Virginia Department
of
Veterans Services

Manassas Office

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Suite 305
703-479-7437

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2023-2024

Post Name _____

Post # _____

Date _____

All Shirts are \$35 ea.
+ Postage if mailed.

Small _____

Med. _____

Large _____

XL _____

XXL _____

3X _____

4X _____

5X _____



Total ordered _____ x \$35

Postage will be determined by HQ _____

Final Total Spent _____

Type of Card _____ Number _____ exp date mo/yr _____ CVN _____

Email order to statehq@vfwva.org

MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE 2023-2024 SEASON



COLIN: SON, MARINE, HERO

Nov. 9, 10 at 7:30 pm
Nov. 11 at 3:00 pm
Streaming Begins Nov. 25



Due to overwhelming requests, MBT is proud to once again present this ballet which tells the story of Artistic Director, Amy Grant Wolfe's son, Colin, who enlisted in the Marines and deployed to Iraq, but was killed by a roadside bomb only seven weeks later. Ms. Wolfe developed the ballet in his memory, gaining inspiration by interviewing family, friends, and fellow Marines. The ballet is set to original music composed by Mark Menza and performed by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra. Tickets start at \$25.

CARMINA BURANA & MORE!

Mar. 8, 9 at 7:30 pm; Mar. 10 at 3:00 pm
Streaming Begins Mar. 23



Enjoy classical Pas de Deux in Act I, followed by the tantalizing tales of Carmina Burana in Act II. Choreographed by Ahmed Nabil, Manassas Ballet Theatre and Orchestra will collaborate with the Voce Chamber Singers to bring this masterpiece about fortune, the nature of life, and pleasure and peril by Carl Orff to the stage. Tickets start at \$25.

NUTCRACKER

Evening Performances at 7:30 pm; Dec. 14, 15, 16, 19, 20
Matinée Performances at 3:00 pm; Dec. 16, 17, 21, 22, 23
Streaming Begins Dec. 24



Join Clara at her family's Christmas Eve party and see what happens when she receives a magical Nutcracker doll from her favorite uncle. Follow them through the Land of Snow and the palace of the Sugar Plum Fairy and enjoy all the enchanting dances! Live music by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra helps make MBT's Nutcracker the highlight of the holidays. The pageantry and magic of MBT's Nutcracker is the perfect celebration for all ages. Tickets start at \$35.

ROMEO & JULIET

May 17, 18 at 7:30 pm; May 18, 19 at 3:00 pm
Streaming Begins June 1



The season concludes with the ever-romantic tragedy of Romeo & Juliet composed by Sergei Prokofiev. As the Capulets and the Montagues feud, Romeo & Juliet seek to unite in love, but the fighting continues, and their lives are lost. Watch their story unfold with the beautiful dancing set to the live music from the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra. Tickets start at \$25.

**Post 7589 Supports Manassas Ballet Theatre
in memory of LCPL Colin Wolfe**

| VIRGINIA SENATORS | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
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| Tim Kaine | | 202-224-4024 |
| VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVES | | |
| Rob Wittman | 1st District | 202-225-4261 |
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| Morgan Griffith | 9th District | 202-225-3861 |
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