

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
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*June 13: Post Commander Ron Link receives the Clair B. Poff award for most outstanding Post newsletter from Department Adjutant/Quartermaster Kim DeShano.*

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## Commander's Report



The Department Convention was held last month in Williamsburg, VA. Attending from our Post were Rick and Janet Raskin; Steve Meade; Steve Botello; Mary Corkhill; Ginger Harvey; and myself. The convention began with the annual awards ceremony in which both the Post and the Auxiliary shined.

The Post was awarded the "Outstanding Newsletter" thanks to the hard work by Rick Raskin. We also were awarded a plaque and a \$100.00 check for leading the District in the number of new life members.

Congratulations to the Auxiliary for submitting the winning entry in the Department Patriots Arts Contest.

For the first time in years, District 8 was recognized for achieving 100% membership. And as for myself, I received a National Certificate of Recognition for my service on the National Military Services Committee.

During the Commanders Club luncheon and elections, I was elected as the new President and Rick Raskin was elected as 3-year trustee.

Elected to the Department Offices were:

Commander	Chris Birch	Post 9760
Sr. Vice Commander	Buddy Weekly	Post 8644
Jr. Vice Commander	Doug Keller	Post 392
Adjutant/Quartermaster	Kim DeShano	Post 9480
Judge Advocate	Tom Gimble	Post 1503
Surgeon	Mike Boehme	Post 9808
Chaplain	Bryan Stickland	

This year's School of Instruction is going to be held on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Post 3103, Fredericksburg. School of Instruction is designed to teach a Post member the inner workings of the VFW which makes a Post stronger. Plan to attend. I urge anyone who would like to go to contact Rick Raskin or myself. We can carpool to Fredericksburg. Lunch is provided.

Congratulations to Comrade Joe Ortiz for being selected as the 5th Annual

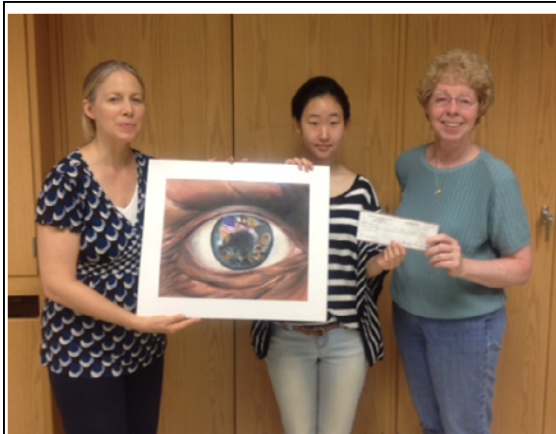
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## Auxiliary President's Report



I just returned from the Department Convention and I'm very excited to report **Ms. Elizabeth Chung** from Osbourn Park High School was the Department first place winner in the Patriotic Art Contest. I also accepted the following awards on behalf of the Auxiliary: Auxiliary Banner for 2012-2013; 1st Place for Best Promotion for Cancer Grants in the Cancer Aid & Research Program, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for Historian and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Buddy Poppy display contest. We received several certificates of participation in the following programs: Cancer Aid & Research, Youth Activities,

Voice of Democracy award, Veterans & Family Support, President Special Project, Hospital Program, Membership: for attaining 106.94%, and a National Certificate of Recognition in the VFW National Military Service. **Congratulations**, you all deserve a round of applause for your hard work.



*Presentation of the Department Patriotic Art award was presented to Elizabeth Chung on June 18, 2013 by Auxiliary 7589 President Mary Corkhill. Ms. Cynthia Gunnerson (Art teacher) assisted with the presentation.*

The Auxiliary is in the process of planning the 2013-2014 year. Some of the projects in the works are: Fall Jubilee, Wreaths Across America, Yard Sales, a different fundraiser, Scholarship Programs and many others.

One of our Yard Sales will be held on **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>** and Past Auxiliary President Nancy Dazzo who will be chairing the jewelry table is requesting donations. Please assist her with this request.

I will be attending the National Convention in Louisville, KY on July 20-25, 2013. We will be supporting the Department Chairmen and our National Guard, Dee Guillory. Please keep them in your prayers and pray that they have a successful outcome.

Due to several members being out of town for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, we have

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## Service Officer's Report



Hello Comrades. One more reminder!! Please submit your annual clothing allowance with the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). If you use and/or continue to use a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance (Example: knee or back brace) or medication because of a service-connected disability, and its use results in damage to your clothing, you should:

- Complete VA Form 10-8678, Application for Clothing Allowance
- Identify on the form each appliance or medication you use because of a service-connected disability that results in damage to your clothing
- Immediately submit the complete form to the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (121), at your local DVA Medical Center (VAMC).

VA Form 10-8678 can be found on the VA forms page at <http://www.va.gov/forms/> or on the VFW 7589 website. If you have trouble locating the form or need assistance please call 1-800-827-1000 or call one of our Post Veteran's Service Officers:

Wayne Moore, 1-703-361-5554, Email: [mgr7590@verizon.net](mailto:mgr7590@verizon.net)

Steve Meade, 1-703-408-0875, Email: [SO2-7589@hotmail.com](mailto:SO2-7589@hotmail.com)

The Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs will have a Veteran's Claims Agent at our VFW beginning July 11, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The schedule will be every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday between 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The new Virginia Department of Veterans Services Claims Agent Aneicia Howell will be there.

Our goal is simple here. We want to take care of all our veterans with the greatest level of service that our resources will allow.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach us at our VSO phone line of: 1-703-659-0849 or Email: [SO7589@verizon.net](mailto:SO7589@verizon.net).

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Cannon News  
2013 Clair B. Poff  
Public Relations Award  
Most Outstanding Post  
Publication/Newsletter  
VFW Department of Virginia

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**Post member selected as Grand Marshal for the  
2013 Veterans Day Parade**



Joe Ortiz, U.S. Army Veteran has been named as 2013 Grand Marshal for the 5th Annual Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade. Joe was deployed to the Middle East and served with distinction in Operations Desert Shield/Storm as a crew chief on a helicopter in 4/7 Cavalry.

Joe is a current and active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7589 and of The American Legion Post 10. He is married and has 2 daughters. In his off time he enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with his family and friends. Joe is employed (for more than 16 years) as Sales & Construction Coordinator at Summit Contractors, Inc. located in Manassas, VA.

The Veterans Day parade will be held on November 9 in Old Town Manassas starting at 11 AM. Included will be a broad variety of both local & national military units plus a robust mixture of veteran association units. Marching with them will be an expansive assortment of high school bands, fife and drum corps, military, police and fire color guards, and antique and modern military vehicles.

## 2013 Department Convention



*Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and Liz Wilson - Department Scholarship Chairman with the first place patriotic art entry.*



*District 8 Commander Rick Raskin receives an award for the highest percentage of membership over quota from Past Department Commander Tom Hines.*



*Commander Ron Link receives a membership award from Past Department Commander Tom Hines.*



*Auxiliary Presidents Mary Corkhill (7589) and Sheila Hunter (9835) receive awards for outstanding auxiliary..*



*Council of Administration meeting*





*Department Commander Margo Sheridan and Inspector General Carl Kaelin*



*Carl Kaelin, Margo Sheridan and Delegate Jackson Miller*



*Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli addresses the opening session*



*Incoming Department Commander Chris Birch is installed by Inspector General Carl Kaelin.*



*2013-14 VFW Department of Virginia Officers*

## News and Notes from the Youth Committee

The PowerPoint presentation, "Welcome to VFW Post 7589" is ready to go. It was previewed at a joint meeting of the Post and Ladies Auxiliary on June 3. We can start showing it to young people immediately but our aim is the Veterans Day visits to classrooms. Thanks to members of the VFW/Ladies Auxiliary Youth Committee who worked so long and hard on this over the past year and a half including Rick Raskin, Robert Punihaole, Jerry Martin, Ron Link, Mary Corkhill, Dawn Schueller Moore, and Ron Knowles.

The Youth Committee Yard Sale is set for 7 am to 2 pm on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Post Home. Setup is Friday night, Sept. 6. We are in need of items to sell and donations can be picked up by calling 703-220-4545. The Youth Committee uses money raised from this Yard Sale to fund the essay contest prizes for Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen. We also are in need of volunteers to help with setup and on the day of the sale. Please call 703-220-4545 if you can give us a hand.

The essay themes for this coming school year are "What Patriotism Means To Me" for Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8); "Why I'm Optimistic About Our Nation's Future" for Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12). Also, think of a teacher you might want to nominate as Manassas area VFW Teacher of the Year. We have three categories: Grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. One added note on the contests: any Virginia student can submit an entry through Post 7589. They do not have to live in the Manassas area. As long as they are enrolled in a Virginia public or private school, or are home schooled in the state of Virginia, they can enter through our Post. Simply mail the entry to: VFW Post 7589, P.O. Box 10206, Manassas, Va. 20108 Attn: Youth Committee. Entry forms can be printed from the [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) website or they are available at the Post. The deadline for entries is November 1, 2013.

Congratulations to the Ladies Auxiliary "Patriotic Art" winners for this year and another Virginia state champion from Manassas!

Both the Manassas City and Prince William County public schools have given permission for VFW Post 7589 and the Ladies Auxiliary to conduct Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, Teacher of the Year and Patriotic Art contests in the schools for the 2013-2014 school year.

The next meeting of the Youth Committee is set for the Post Home at 7 pm on Thursday, July 18. The meeting is open to all members of the Post and Ladies Auxiliary. If you have ideas for working with young people in the area or if you just would like to help out, you are encouraged to attend.

Pete MacLeod, Youth Chair.



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Manassas Veterans Day Parade Grand Marshal. Joe will represent Desert Storm veterans. It is an honor to have a member of our Post selected as Grand Marshall.

Finally, thanks to Peter MacLeod and the entire Youth Committee for producing the PowerPoint presentation showcasing our Post and Auxiliary. Special kudos to Dawn Moore for her work. A job well done!!!!

Yours in Comradeship,

Ron

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moved our July meeting from the first Monday to the second Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Post home. This will be the beginning of the new Auxiliary year and we are still in the planning stage. We welcome and need your input. Remember, this is your Auxiliary and your ideas and participation means a lot. Please join us at the meetings so we can plan for another successful year.

If you need any assistance with events or would like for the Auxiliary to participate, please let me know. Contact me at 703-517-2629 or [mcorkhill@comcast.net](mailto:mcorkhill@comcast.net).

I am very proud of your Auxiliary for what you have achieved this past year and if there is anything that we can do for our Veterans, you and your family, please let me know. Also, please have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

Regards,

Mary Corkhill

Ladies Auxiliary President



*First Place  
Buddy Poppy Display  
Auxiliary 7589*

## State Recruiter Class

There will be a State Recruiting class held October 5th & 6th at Post 9808 iMechanicsville. National VFW is providing the instructor. There will be classroom training on Saturday and hands on training Sunday. If you are interested in attending please contact District 8 Commander Rick Raskin. The Department would like to have 2 people from each District attending. The Department will reimburse up to two members from each District who participate and are willing to become State Recruiters.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 1** VFW Member's Meeting 7:30 PM
  - July 8** Auxiliary Member's Meeting 7:30 PM
  - July 20 -24** National Convention - Louisville, KY
  - August 3** School of Instruction— Post 3103, Fredericksburg
  - August 26** District 8 Meeting - Post 7728 - Morrisville - 1300
  - September 7** Youth Committee Yard Sale
  - October 12** Auxiliary Yard Sale
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**Youth Committee Yard Sale  
7 AM to 2 PM  
Saturday, Sept. 7  
Post Home**

## School of Instruction — August 3

Want to learn more about the VFW and how things operate in the Department? Interested in becoming an officer? Do we have a deal for you!

There will be a School of Instruction on August 3 at Fredericksburg Post 3103. Located at 2701 Princess Anne Street it's an easy drive from Manassas. We'll also be carpooling from the Post home.

Held from 9 AM to 4 PM, you'll learn about:

- Membership, MIP & Recruiting Programs
- Dept. & National Membership Awards Programs
- Rules and Regulations of Club Rooms
- Parliamentary Law & Procedure
- By-Laws (Nat'l/Dept/Post) & SOP
- Inspections & Reports
- Duties & Responsibilities of Post Officers
- QM Records (Ledger & Computer)
- Post Visits/Roundups
- VOD, Patriots Pen, Teachers Recognition & Scouting
- MAP
- Online Membership System

New Commanders and Quartermasters are urged to attend, and everyone else is invited. You must register so that lunch preparations can be made. Meals will be provided by Post 3103 at no charge.

Contact Quartermaster Rick Raskin before July 24 if you'd like to attend. There is no charge for this training.

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO RECEIVE LUNCH.

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