

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
July 2017

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Our Spotlight column, in which we highlight one of our members, resumes this month. We'd like to publish your story, so if you would like to be in the spotlight please send a brief writeup of your service, career and VFW history to [quartermaster@vfw7589.org](mailto:quartermaster@vfw7589.org). —Ed This month we spotlight life member Dean Resch on page 7.

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June 15: Delegate Rich Anderson with Senator Bryce Reeves present a certificate to Department Commander Tom Gimble and Auxiliary President Shema Peppers at the Department convention in Williamsburg.

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**CANNON NEWS**—2015 National VFW Publications Silver Award  
2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017 Clair B. Poff Public Relations Award for  
Most Outstanding Post Publication/Newsletter, VFW Department of Virginia

## Commander's Message



Pete MacLeod

The message coming from the 2017 Department of Virginia State Convention in Williamsburg was full speed ahead and it was a very good year. In terms of membership the goals were reached and every Post in the

state has taken part in reporting the good work they are doing. Every other sentence coming from the National VFW Representative, Assistant National Quartermaster General John Muckelbauer, seemed to be praise almost to the point of awe, for what we had accomplished.

Suddenly the state VFW has gotten younger! I can remember my first State event at the Lynchburg School of Instruction back in 2004 and everyone seemed to be a Korean War or World War II veteran, and those of us who were Vietnam vets were the "young guys." No more. Take a look at some of the people holding positions of state leadership. The State Senior Vice Commander Ken Wiseman is a veteran of the Navy's recent anti drug operations, a 30 something guy. The State Quartermaster Kim DeShano served in the Navy from 1983 to 2003. The State Judge Advocate Eric Mallett served in "Desert Shield" and the State Chaplain Harold Sayles is a veteran of the Grenada operation.

The influx of youthful leadership is important for a number of reasons. These guys tend to be more in tune with the latest technology, they have more energy and want to change things for the better. They all seem proud to be members of the VFW and have an optimistic outlook on where this organization is headed.

Standing there at Awards Night with the other All State Post Commanders, I definitely was not one of the "younger guys." Some of the fellow Post Commanders seemed barely beyond college age! It's all good for the Virginia VFW!

There was also news at the convention that ground will be broken this year on the National Mall for a long overdue World War I Memorial. This was a war that four million Americans served in and it touched nearly every family in the country. It is unbelievable it has taken this long for the national recognition of their sacrifices. Sadly, there are no World War I veterans still living to see this memorial take shape.

Ground will also be broken this year in Fauquier County at the old Vint Hill Army base for a 128 bed veterans care center. There will also be one built in southeastern Virginia. Construction on the Vint Hill center could begin as soon as this October.

The financial news seemed good. Everyone was smiling and there were very few questions. One fact that stuck out for me was that the Department of Virginia distributed more than 300,000 Buddy Poppies to lead the Southern Conference. State Quartermaster Kim DeShano said that the profits from the Bass Pro Shop drawings

were past \$26,000.00 as the day for the big drawing approached.

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**"...we need to speak with a louder voice."  
John Muckelbauer**

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On Saturday at the convention, the National Representative John Muckelbauer brought us all down to earth a bit. He again praised the state of Virginia VFW for all of its accomplishments this past year in terms of membership and reporting. But he said there are still too many, especially young people, who have no idea what the VFW is or who we are. His advice: we still need to do more and we need to speak with a louder voice. He pointed out that each state VFW puts in an exceptional number of community service hours each year, and not enough people know about it.

Muckelbauer also said that the VFW needs to do more for young veterans who want to start their own businesses. He pointed out that a young craftsman or carpenter needs about \$5,000.00 worth of tools to get started. Where does he or she get that kind of money? He also lamented that there are still too many young veterans committing suicide. Again the visibility problem; the VFW needs to do more outreach.

So the problems are still there and we cannot afford to rest or sit back and be satisfied with our accomplishments. But the spirit and good will I observed at this year's state convention makes me optimistic about the future!

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## Youth News and Notes

Pete MacLeod  
Youth Committee Chair

We had a good time, June 20, at the annual Civil Air Patrol, Prince William Composite Squadron, Cadet Awards Night held at the National Guard Armory on Dumfries Road in Manassas. Post 7589 presented the VFW Bronze NCO Award to Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Noah Graves.

Noah was honored for establishing and arranging for training for a CAP Cadet

Color Guard. Also the recipient of the VFW CAP medal and ribbon must have a high grade point average in school which Noah, with a 3.8 GPA, attained with no trouble. The NCO medal also must go to a cadet who has exhibited leadership and Noah did that with his tireless year long efforts to create the Cadet Color Guard.

Other accomplishments for Noah Graves in the past year included completing the Virginia Wing Ground Search and Rescue College and attaining his Search Team Certification from the Va. Dept. of Emergency Management. He also helped with

the Wreaths Across America event at Quantico Cemetery last December. And another area where Cadet Graves scored high was in military bearing and conduct which Lt. Colonel Timothy Day called, "impeccable at all times."

We will present the VFW Bronze Officer Award to Civil Air Patrol Cadet Captain Brandon Lawson prior at the beginning of our August 7 General Membership Meeting at the Post Home. Another great organization for young people: The

(See *Youth* on page 4)

## Auxiliary President



Upon my return from attending the Department Convention, I would like to inform you of some changes that will be coming from National Headquarters in the next few months. On July 7, 2017, National Headquarters will be launching MALTA, a new computer system. This system has

been in development for over two years. There will be several tasks which will allow Auxiliary Treasurers to do their duties more efficiently. It will also let annual members pay their dues directly to National Headquarters. More information will be forthcoming when it becomes available.

Congratulations to our Patriotic Art entry, Ms. Catherine Henebery from Seton School, for placing second at the Department level. She also received a monetary award. Our Auxiliary was honored to receive a National award for Veterans Military Support along with several monetary awards and certificates of appreciation.

Our Buddy Poppy Display placed first and will be taken to compete at the National level (See Page 4). We also received our banner for completing the requirement for the 2016-2017 VFW Auxiliary year.

Again, thank you for all you do for **YOUR** Auxiliary and for our veterans.

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Since the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday falls on Tuesday, the membership felt that most of the members will be with their families. They elected to move the meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Please make plans to attend this important meeting so we can close out the 2016-2017 Auxiliary year and make plans for the 2017-18 year. Your input is very

important.

VFW 7589 Post and Auxiliary will be hosting the 8th District meeting on August 13, 2017. The meeting will start at 9:00 am for the District School of Instruction with lunch being served at noon and the joint meeting starting at 1:00 pm. Manassas Park Post 1811 will provide the food with assistance from the 7589 Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will meet in the conference room after the joint session.

This year's National Convention will be held in New Orleans, LA. Our own National Sr. Vice Dee Guillory will be elected to the position of National President. This is the first National President from Virginia and we are excited and look forward to her leadership and all the changes and events she has planned for this organization. Virginia will be hosting two events in October. The National 5th Annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Yorktown Battlefield, Yorktown, Virginia and the National President's Celebration on October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. In the past, National use to celebrate the National President with a Homecoming, but starting this year National will no longer hold this event. Therefore, Virginia has taken on the task of throwing a celebration for the National President in Williamsburg at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185. For phone reservations please dial: (800) 222-8733 Reference group name VFW Auxiliary. If you wish to attend, please contact me (703/361-8950) or National website under Events and the 5th Annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event for more information.

The Department's School of Instruction will be August 26<sup>th</sup> at Battlefield Auxiliary 9808 at 7168 Flag Lane, Mechanicsville. Coffee and danish will be served from 8:15am-9:00 am, COA meeting will be from 9:00am-10:45 am and the School of Instruction will be from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be a break for lunch. We will have special training by our Department Treasurer on the new MALTA System which will affect the way Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers at all levels do their duties.

Our next annual Fall Yard Sale is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> from 7 am-2 pm. If

you would like to assist us with setting up and/or during the Yard Sale, we really would like to see you. We are now taking donations for the Yard Sale. We will provide a receipt for your taxes; just let us know. Also, thank you in advance.

The schedule for the next four months is listed on page 10. Please keep in mind that this is subject to change because of any additional information or events that may be added.

The 2017-2018 theme for Voice of Democracy is: "*American History: Our Hope for the Future*" and the Patriot's Pen Theme is: "*America's Gift to My Generation*".

*The deadline for both contests is November 1, 2017. If you would like more information, please let us know. We are here to assist you.*

Since Campbell's Soup has discontinued the label program, the VFW Auxiliary is requesting you purchase a Life Membership to the National Home for Children for only \$35.00. There are several members of our Auxiliary that already have a Life Memberships.

As you may be aware, we are now collecting coupons for our veterans overseas. When you donate coupons they are good for six months after the expiration date. We started on the first of May and we have already collected **\$6,636.45**. We are on the way to breaking our own record. Of course, this is the second year we have had this program. Please assist us with this task for our veterans. Thank you so much for your support.

Please keep any individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers. We want to see you on the road to recovery.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill



(Youth from page 2)

Cadets of the Civil Air Patrol!

It always gets here quicker than you think it will. The VFW Youth essay contests will begin in September with a November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for entries. Judging will take place the first two weeks in November. The Post/Auxiliary Youth Awards Ceremony will be at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Post. The new contest brochures will be out at National Convention time and you can print out an entry form right now by visiting the VFW National Website at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org).

The themes for this coming school year:  
 Patriot's Pen (Grades 6 – 8): *"America's Gift to my Generation"*  
 Voice of Democracy (Grades 9 – 12): *"American History: Our Hope for the Future"*

It was back in August, 2003 when former Post 7589 Commander and Youth Leader Ron Knowles took an afternoon off and showed me the ropes of running the youth essay contests. I appreciated that. It has been a pleasure and a lot of fun to lead our Post's outreach to young people the past 14 years.

Now it's my turn to give the gavel of the Youth Committee to Trustee Lou Filippone. Lou has already worked with us for two years so he is way ahead of where I was when I started out. Lou will take over at the upcoming July 20 Youth Committee meeting. Remember, the Youth Committee is open to members of the Post and Auxiliary and we certainly could use a few more interested people. July 20 is the date, the place is the Post and the time is 7:00 pm. Let's have a good turnout as we get ready for another school year.



Auxiliary 7589's Buddy Poppy Display placed first in the State and will be taken to the VFW National convention in New Orleans to compete at the National level.

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## MILITARY SUICIDE AWARENESS

New data from the Department of Veterans Affairs indicates the 20 veteran suicides a day dispels the often quoted and problematic "22 a day" estimate.

- Our goal is to spread the word about Military Suicides:
- (1) to be aware of this disturbing crisis
  - (2) to Identify the warning signs;
  - (3) to be informed of the available suicide and crisis resources, and
  - (4) to know how to contact the Veterans' Crisis Line.

If we are successful in spreading the word about Military Suicide, we will, perhaps prevent a suicide.

# YARD SALE

## INSIDE

### VFW AUXILIARY POST 7589



**September 9, 2017**

**7:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Post Home - 9304 Centreville Road-  
Manassas, VA**

(We will be taking donations on Friday, September 8, 2017 from 4 pm – 8pm at the Post)

## Cannon News wins best newsletter award Award marks 4th time for Post newsletter

Our Post newsletter Cannon News was again selected as best newsletter in the Department. This is the 4th award we have received in the past 5 years. This year only one Post newsletter was recognized.

**THE CLAIR B. POFF PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD** is awarded to 3 Posts for the most outstanding newsletter or publication for their size group and then forwarded to National for judging. This award will be presented at the State Convention. Group 1 membership 99 members or less; Group 2 membership 100 to 179; and Group 3 membership 180 or more.



Post 7589 Quartermaster and Cannon News Editor Rick Raskin receives the Clair B. Poff award from Department Adjutant/Quartermaster Kim DeShano. In the background State Commander Tom Gimble, State Senior Vice Commander Mike Boehme and State Auxiliary President Shema Peppers.

## New State officers installed at department convention

*Rick Raskin elected State Junior Vice Commander  
Geoff Lyster (Warrenton) appointed Chief of Staff*

A new slate of State officers was elected at the Department convention in Williamsburg. Installed by National Inspector General and Past Department Commander Hal Roesch (3219) the new officers assumed their duties at the close of the convention.

Department Officers for the ensuing year the officers are:

- Commander: **Mike Boehme** (9808)
- Senior Vice Commander: **Ken Wiseman** (1503)
- Junior Vice Commander: **Rick Raskin** (7589)
- Past Department Commander: **Tom Gimble** (1503)
- Adjutant\*/Quartermaster: **Kim DeShano** (2216)
- Judge Advocate: **Eric Mallett** (4809)
- Surgeon: **Butch Shupska** (3160)
- Chaplain: **Harold Sayles** (10654)
- Chief of Staff\*: **Geoff Lyster** (9835)
- Inspector\*: **Phil Arendsen II** (637)

\* Appointed

## Get your Post 7589 Challenge Coin



\$10 each  
Available at Post meetings



Post Chaplain Joel Chase proudly models his new 1st Cav hat.

### District 8 meeting schedule for 2017—2018

**August 13, 2017** – Manassas Park (1811) hosts at the Manassas (7589) Post Home. This will include the regular **School of Instruction**. The SOI will commence at 0900 followed by the District meeting.

**November 18, 2017** – Morrisville (7728). Social period at noon with the meeting commencing at 1300.

**February 10, 2018** – Warrenton (9835) hosts at the Morrisville (77228) Post Home. This will include the Recruiting School of Instruction which will immediately follow the meeting. Social hour starts at noon, meeting at 1300 and SOI around 1500 for approximately two hours.

**April 22, 2018** – District meeting and Convention at the Culpeper (2524) Post Home. Social hour starts at noon with the meeting and convention commencing at 1300.



June 15: District 8 Commander Ron Link receives the District membership trophy from Membership Chair Tom Hines at the Department convention in Williamsburg.

### Spotlight on Dean Resch



Dean is a life member of Post 7589 and currently lives in Panama City Beach, Florida. He was living in Centreville in 1995 when he joined the VFW at an airshow at the Manassas Airport where the Post had a recruiting booth.

Dean had 35 years Federal Service, including 20 years military with two tours in Vietnam. His combat awards

include: DFC(3), Bronze Star, Air Medal (23), Army Commendation Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/palm.

He retired as an Army Master Aviator and had served as an Army flight instructor/instrument examiner and research & development test pilot in fixed and rotary wing aircraft.

He served as the US State Department Airport Security Advisor in Baghdad, Iraq and retired a second time from the FAA as a safety investigator/airway systems inspector.

His current community activities in Florida include:

- Executive Board Member - Boys & Girls Club of Bay County
- Board Member - Hearts of Hope Christian Home
- Board Member - Children’s Advocacy Center
- Mediator - Small Claims Court, State of Florida
- Member - Bay County Public Safety Committee
- Member - Affordable Housing Committee
- Bay Point West Board Member
- Covenant Care Hospice Volunteer at the Clifford J. Sims State Veterans Home

Dean makes weekly visits to veterans in hospice and commented that he is sometimes the only outside person some veterans see. He reports his activities to VFW VA under Post 7589.



# State Convention—Williamsburg

Photos by Doc Crouch



Stan Hunter presents the Scout of the Year award to Samantha Lane.



Senator Mark Warner addresses the joint session with State CMDR Tom Gimble and Aux. President Shema Peppers.



Mary Corkhill receives an outstanding Auxiliary certificate from Shema Peppers, Cheri Sizemore and Dee Guillory.



The 2016-17 All State Team.



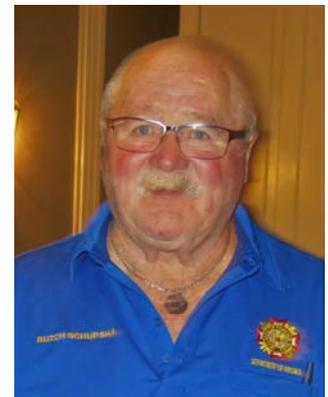
2017-18 State Commander Mike Boehme is sworn in by Inspector General Hal Roesch.



National Executive Assistant to the Quartermaster General John Muckelbauer.



State Junior Vice Commander Rick Raskin is capped by Janet Raskin.



Butch Shupka became a line officer as 2017-18 Surgeon.



Swearing in of District officers. Ron Link—District 8 Commander.



The reception featured a variety of BBQs . (Foreground) Dan & Janette Boyer.



Mike Boehme and Kim DeShano conduct new District Commanders training.

# From the ACTION CORPS WEEKLY

## VA Accountability, Whistleblower Protection Act Becomes Law:

The VFW is saluting President Trump for signing into law today the VFW-championed *Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017*. “Accountability must be a two-way street, and today’s signing now provides VA Secretary Dr. David Shulkin the authority to manage his people in a manner expected of all senior executives, public or private,” said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy, who attended the White House signing ceremony along with VFW Adjutant General Bob Wallace and others. “Three years ago, a nationwide crisis in access to care and confidence engulfed the entire VA,” said Duffy. “Weeding out the nonperformers and those whose personal conduct brings doubt and dishonor upon thousands of dedicated employees is essential to restoring the full faith of veterans in their VA,” he said. “Today’s signing will not instantly fix an employee culture of indifference to appointed leadership that took years — if not decades — to fester, but it does send a very loud and unmistakable signal to all employees that maintaining the status quo no longer works for those who have borne the battle,” he said. “Let the healing begin.” The VFW also salutes bill sponsor Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and VA Committee Chairmen Sen. Johnny Isakson (R-Ga.) and Rep. Dr. Phil Roe (R-Tenn.), and their respective ranking members, Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.) and Rep. Tim Walz (D-Minn.), for their work in passing a bipartisan, bicameral and comprehensive accountability bill that also provides better protections to whistleblowers.

## VFW Praised at MIA Family Conference:

“No One Does More for Veterans” was more than just a slogan at this week’s 48th annual meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families in Arlington, Va. The VFW was consistently lauded by both League and government officials for the unwavering support we bring to the Full Accounting Mission at home and abroad. In his remarks after being presented with the League’s Top Distinguished Service Award, VFW Adjutant General Bob Wallace repeated the VFW’s real and sincere commitment to MIA family members everywhere, and promised that the VFW will continue to help the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency succeed by pushing the humanitarian aspect of the full accounting mission directly to foreign governments who may still have information pertaining to the fates of many of the nearly 83,000 missing Americans going back to World War II. National POW/MIA Recognition Day this year is September. 16.

## VFW Testifies on the President’s Budget:

On [June 23], VFW National Legislative Director Carlos Fuentes testified at the House Veterans’ Affairs Health Sub-

committee hearing on VA’s budget request. Fuentes continued the VFW’s strong opposition to a provision in President Trump’s budget proposal to cut up to \$22,000 from the annual compensation of severely disabled veterans who receive Individual Unemployability. He also offered the VFW’s support for VA’s focus on improving access to care for veterans, reducing veteran suicides, women veterans, and veteran homelessness. Members of the subcommittee were concerned that VA has started to reduce the use of the Veterans Choice Program due to budget shortfalls, which may force veterans to wait longer for their care. Subcommittee members also discussed the amount of vacancies at VA medical facilities and VA’s ability to fill them.

## Online Exchange Shopping Eligibility to Expand:

Beginning Veterans Day 2017, almost 13 million honorably discharged veterans will be permitted to shop online at all four military exchanges, but you have to first register with VetVerify.org, which will use Defense Manpower Data Center records to verify eligibility. On Veterans Day, eligible veterans will be able to shop online by logging on to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Navy Exchange, Marine Corps Exchange, and Coast Guard Exchange websites at, respectively, shopmyexchange.com, mynavyexchange.com, mymcx.com and shopcgx.com. Military exchange shopping is tax-free, plus your patronage helps to return more than \$300 million annually to support on-base morale, welfare and recreation programs.

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Morgan Griffith	9th District	202-225-3861
Barbara Comstock	10th District	202-225-5136
Gerry Connolly	11th District	202-225-1492

## Upcoming Events

<b>JULY</b>	
July 3	Post Meeting - 7:30pm
July 10	Auxiliary Monthly Meeting
July 20	Youth Committee – 7pm
July 22-27	National Convention - New Orleans, LA
<b>AUGUST</b>	
August 3	Executive Meeting – 7:30pm
August 7	Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm
August 13	Dist. 8 Meeting & School of Instruction at Post 7589 (Lunch provided by Post 1811) 9am-3pm
August 17	Youth Committee meeting – 7pm
August 26	Department CoA & School of Instruction - Battlefield Auxiliary 9808 (9:00)
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
September 7	Executive Meeting – 7pm
September 8	Yard Sale Set up (Dinner at a Restaurant) (Auxiliary Event)
September 9	Yard Sale (Auxiliary Event)
September 11	9/11 Memorial Buddy Poppy - Distribution to public (Auxiliary Event)
September 11	Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm
September 15	POW/MIA Ceremony – (TBD)
September 21	Youth Committee – 7pm
September 28	Executive Meeting – 7pm
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
October 2	Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm
October 7	Annual Fall Jubilee - 10am - 5pm (Post & Auxiliary will attend)
October 19	Celebrating America's Freedom/Yorktown, VA (Auxiliary Event)
October 20-21	National President's Celebration, Williamsburg, VA



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The **Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589** is working with Wreaths Across America to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. **Deadline Date is November 30, 2017.**

On **Saturday, December 16, 2017**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 1200 locations in the USA and beyond.

**Sponsorships are \$15 each.** We are participating because we think it is a great program and \$5 of every sponsorship will support the Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589 directly so we may continue to assist veterans and families as well as our community.

**PLEASE JOIN US** -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on **Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 12 Noon at Quantico National Cemetery**. This is a moving experience that you should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help our local heroes will be remembered this Holiday Season. **How many sponsorships can we count on you for?**

For more information visit [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org), or call 877-385-9504.  
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<b>Family = 4 Wreaths</b>	\$60.00		
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<b>Corporate = 100 Wreaths</b>	\$1500.00		
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**Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.**

Location ID: Quantico National Cemetery VAQNCT Fundraising Group ID: VA0040P

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