## CANNON NEWS

#### Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589 Manassas, Virginia July 2022



The cadets of the Civil Air Patrol Award Ceremony on June 14. (L-R) Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, C/1st Lt Yashvir Sabharwal, C/CMSgt Aleena Owens and SVC / Youth Chair Lou Filippone

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#### Commander's Message



**Wayne Moore** 

Independence By Choice, Earned by Sacrifice

Comrades,

As the Republic embarks on its' 246th celebration of Independence Day, I want to extend my best wishes to all, especially to the service men and women who made the sacrifice and the families that understand

the price paid for a continued free America.

The week before the festivities we find ourselves purchasing food, drinks, American Flags, or a tee-shirt with a patriotic saying or emblem. I smile when reading the "Freedom isn't Free" slogan! It sounds good but to many, it is a quaint point often missed.

The Founding Fathers' hope of democracy warranted this day as one for celebration. However, amid the turmoil and unhinged activities, it is difficult to drink a beer and believe things will be better when we sober up. As with most serious issues, ignorance or head-in-the-sand approaches resolve nothing; conversely, the situation gets worse.

I was eighteen (18) standing among a group of clueless young men of the same age. We were told to raise our hands and repeat after the military officer. On my first oath, I remember the chills and goosebumps as the words of my commitment echoed in my mind. Fifty-five (55) years later, I raise my hand and pledged allegiance to this country regularly. Like the younger me the feeling and sentiments remain, believing I am doing something for the greater good.

I consider myself a man of principle and try to live accordingly. I have done a little traveling and enjoy reading and learning cultural behaviors. America has ongoing issues that will not be resolved any time soon simply because of human egos; social, political, and economic. Yes, with all that goes on I still pledge my life to the preservation of this democracy and the principles for which it should stand. No desire to live elsewhere!

To this point, it is not my intent to dampen your celebration but to risk asking for a reality check. I watched snippets of the January 6th Commission and the madness being accepted as democracy in action. As seen through the media places such as China, Russia, Turkey, the Philippines, Saudi Arabia, North Kores, and other countries, there would be no commission to examine the causes. Today in the year 2022, those individuals and their families would be rounded up and... Democracy's existence requires accountability by all!

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#### **Auxiliary President**



What a surprise!!! THANK YOU everyone, for the plaque you presented me on June 18th. This was so unexpected and greatly appreciated. I will cherish it always.

Mary Corkhill

The Fourth of July – also known as Independence Day or July 4th – has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941. The tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American

Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th had been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues. The Fourth of July 2022 is on Monday.

The Department of Virginia has a new President as of June 11th when the first male was elected and sworn into the office. President Fred Jennings will be traveling the state during the coming months to meet and greet the members of the Department.

The National Convention is in Kansas City, MO from July 16-22. The incoming National President, Jane Reape, will hold her Celebration (Homecoming) on July 22, following the convention. Another event will be the 10th Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) Flight 93 National Memorial on September 10 in Somerset County, PA. It would be a great time to visit that Memorial.

The VFW Post 637, 1400 Lynchburg St. Hopewell, VA, will host the Department Auxiliary School of Instruction on August 6, at 9:00 AM. The 8th District meeting will be August 20th in King George Post 12202, 12266 Kent Road. The joint meeting will start at 10:00 AM with the Auxiliary meeting after the joint session.

The Voice of Democracy contest ("Why is the Veteran Important?") and Patriot's Pen Essay Contest ("My Pledge to Our Veterans.") are now being promoted. If you need more information, PLEASE contact any VFW or Auxiliary member.

The VFW National Home for Children was born from the belief that America needs to care for the children and families of men and women who sacrificed for our country and also is a place of healing, support and refuge. It was founded in 1925 as a place where the families left behind by war could remain together, keeping the family circle intact even when their service member didn't come home. Today's families face different challenges - reintegration, post-traumatic stress, high unemployment and

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#### Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone is enjoying the summer season and staying happy and well. There is not much to report during this time regarding youth activities with our Post. The last event we participated in was the Prince William Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol Award Ceremony. It was held on Tuesday, 14 June at the Hope Hill Church on 234 and

Minnieville Road. Those present from the VFW were Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. This year's VFW Civil Air Patrol awards went to Cadet Captain Yashvir Sabharwal and Cadet CMSgt Aleena N. Owens. Both Cadets are highly decorated and demonstrate high levels of proficiency, leadership skills, military bearing and patriotism. They are exemplary Cadets and have very bright futures ahead of them whether they pursue a military or a civilian career. The ceremony was well attended by Cadets, Cadre and parents and was very informative. A big thank you goes out to Major Arch McClesky and the Civil Air Patrol who invited the VFW as in past years. We look forward to presenting CAP as well as JROTC awards again next year.

Historically this is a very quiet time of year for our committee. Between summer meetings and everyone's vacation schedule in general there isn't much youth activity to report. Fortunately this allows us to catch our breath in preparation for the onslaught of activity that awaits us in the early fall. The next two big youth activities scheduled are the 9/11 Flag Retirement Ceremony at our Post and the Educational Contests which include Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year. More information will be made available to you in August regarding both of these youth activities. As a reminder, this year's theme for Patriot's Pen is "My Pledge to Our Veterans" and for Voice of Democracy "Why is the Veteran Important?" The Patriot's Pen Contest is open to all 6-8th grade students and requires them to submit an application and a typed written essay 300-400 words in length. Voice of Democracy is reserved for all 8-12th grade students. Their typed written essay must be accompanied by the application as well as a 3-5 minute audio recording, preferably on a flash drive. Both contests, as well as the Teacher of the Year Program, offer scholarships and other awards. The deadline for all three contests at the Post level is 31 October 2022. Please help us recruit students, teachers and schools for these wonderful educational award programs sponsored by the VFW.

We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe 4th of July season this year no matter where you celebrate it. Please join us for our next Youth Committee meeting and make all our youth activities even more successful and rewarding. It is scheduled for Thursday, 21 July at the Post at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there.

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Over the years I have had the opportunity to participate in The Veterans of Foreign Wars school essay programs (Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen) on an array of patriotic topics. Despite the erosion of quality education in the school system, I am extremely impressed by these young folks' reasons and hopes for the future. We can give them a chance. However, schools are just one part of their educational growth; homes with quality parenting can teach them the world is much smaller than it was for us. People and cultures vary, and common ground is a worthy cause. Think of the country as a family, where even the downtrodden family member may need a helping hand.

Common sense dictates that the demise of democracy will bring about the end of the Constitution and all those heralded rights or freedom.

Wayne Moore Commander

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rehabilitation from battlefield injuries, among others - and the National Home has evolved over our decades-long history to meet those changing needs. PLEASE purchase a life membership for \$50. The email for signing up for a life membership is: https://vfwnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/.

Thank you for the support.

Please pray for any individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill Auxiliary President

#### **Scouting Report**



Alex & Tina Bliem Post 7589 Scouting Representatives

As of June 25th the Scouts were preparing for Summer Camp and will also be working on merit badges. A more detailed report will be available in the August newsletter.

#### **Vet Legislation Progress**

On Tuesday, June 7, 2022, President Biden signed the following nine bills into law related to veterans and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

- S. 1760, which designates the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs planned to be built in Oahu, Hawaii, as the Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic;
- S. 1872, the "United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act," which provides for the award of a Congressional Gold Medal to the United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service during World War II;
- S. 2102, the "Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas Supporting Expanded Review for Veterans In Combat Environments Act" or the "Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas SERVICE Act," which expand eligibility for VA mammography screening to veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposures;
- S. 2514, which renames the Provo Veterans Center in Orem, Utah, as the Col. Gail S. Halvorsen "Candy Bomber" Veterans Center;
- S. 2533, the "Making Advances in Mammography and Medical Options for Veterans Act," which makes a number of changes to VA's mammography screening and access to related medical care;
- S. 2687, the "Strengthening Oversight for Veterans Act of 2021," which temporarily authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs' Office of Inspector General to issue subpoenas in certain circumstances;
- S. 3527, which authorizes VA to transfer to another property the name of a VA property that was named in statute;
- S. 4089, the "Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program Restoration and Recovery Act of 2022," which restores entitlement to educational assistance under the Veterans Rapid Retraining Program under certain conditions; Thank you to Senator Durbin and Representatives Danny Davis and Underwood for their leadership; and
- S. 4119, the "RECA Extension Act of 2022," which extends by two years the availability of compensation for radiation exposure related to nuclear weapons development.

#### Senate Passes the PACT Act

The newly titled Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022, known as the Honoring our PACT Act, passed the Senate with an 84-14 vote. "This is an enormous victory for veterans, service members, and their families," said VFW National Commander Matthew "Fritz" Mihelcic. "I commend every senator who voted in favor for those who have borne the burden of toxic exposure, for the military families struggling to care for them, and for the military men and women who will face toxic exposure in the future. This was more than a vote for expanded health care and benefits. This was about honoring our promise to care for those who swore an oath to defend our nation and our way of life." The Senate-amended PACT Act must now go back to the House for a vote before it can be sent to the president for signature. The VFW thanks all the advocates from around the country who reached out to their senators urging them to support this historic legislation.

VFW Action Corps: 6-20-2022



#### State Commander



Distinguished Comrades,

Greetings. I am honored to serve as your Commander, Department of Virginia, VFW for the ensuing year. Theresa and I would like to begin by thanking Cmdr Butch Schupska and Peggy for their outstanding leadership this past year, and for leading us to Department All American honors!

**Convention:** We had a great turnout at this year's State Convention. Congratu-

lations to all of the recipients who received awards at our Awards Banquet on Thursday. Congratulations to all the new officers who were installed in Portsmouth, and to all the new officers across the state, who began their terms this weekend. Special thanks to State Adjutant-Quartermaster Ed Mann and the convention team for organizing and executing our event packed, fourday State Convention. They did a truly remarkable job on attending to the myriad details involved with such an event.

**Goals:** We have established the following goals for this year:

-Improve service to veterans and their communities; and continue

to advocate on their behalf

- -Achieve100 percent Membership and be recognized as an All-American Department
- -Foster camaraderie, while improving organizational communication and building improved *Esprit De Corps*.

Virginia VFW Centennial: This year also marks the *Centennial of the Department of Virginia*, which turns 100 years old on February 1, 2023. Your Centennial Committee is busy planning many exciting events to commemorate this auspicious occasion. The celebrations will be "brought to you" as we hold exciting regional centennial events across the state, throughout 2023, and we present free *Limited-Edition Centennial Coins* to our valued members.

I hope you will continue to come out, be active and show your support for veterans, your VFW and for your country. Let's continue to serve, grow our organization and let's have a great year!

Sincerely and Respectfully

Geoffrey D. Lyster
State Commander
Department of Virginia, VFW

# Post 7589 achieves All—American Status Congratulations to Commander Wayne Moore for this prestigious award and all those who helped him achieve it.

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#### State Convention — June 9-12 — Portsmouth, Virginia

Photos by Doc Crouch (Except where noted)



**VFW Registration** 



**Auxiliary Registration** 



Mark Winn at the VFW Home table



Butch Schupska, Rick Raskin and Connie Agresti



Jeff Dombroff and Monti Zimmerman



**PSCs Eric Mallett and Rick Raskin** 



Sheri Moore (Fredericksburg) and Butch Schupska



Alex Makenna (King George) and Butch Schupska



Todd Taylor (Fredericksburg) and PSC Tom Hines



State Commander Butch Schupska



**VADVS Commissioner David Gade** 



National Representative Robert Jackson, Director of Operations and Administration, Washington DC Office



Outgoing Auxiliary President Carol Vangi at the memorial service



Howard Minton (Hillsville) leads the color guard precession



(Center) Lou Filippone, Wayne Moore and Monti Zimmerman from Post 7589



Incoming State Officers are installed by PSC & National Council member Tom Gimble



Tom Gimble swears in Geoff Lyster



2022-23 State Commander Geoff Lyster



 ${\bf Geoff\ Lyster\ presents\ Butch\ Schupska\ his\ Past\ State\ Commander\ pin}$ 



The Auxiliary Installation of officers



2022-23 Auxiliary President Fred Jennings

#### Post's 76th anniversary BBQ—June 18









The Post held its 76th anniversary BBQ on June 18. Sponsored by Serve Empower Retain Veteran Employees (SERVE), it was spearheaded by Dave Werkema and associates who work for American Disposal Services. It was a great time for all who attended, including District 8 Commander Jeff Dombroff and our special guest and long time bingo worker Marie Komyathy. Post Commander Wayne Moore presented Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill an engraved plaque for her continued leadership and support of the Post.





#### WWII Vet Reads Poem to Wife of 77 years Pete Anastasi is a long time member of our Post

A Manassas couple is marking more than seven decades of marriage, their courtship starting during WWII. Pete Anastasi dedicated this sweet poem to his wife, Betty. [Hear Pete read it here]

Cheers to Pete and Betty. Party time!! 77 years! They had a champagne toast, Anniversary Wedding cake, Delicious food and Pete's favorite soft pretzels. In addition to friends and family, channel 4 news and Manassas mayor Michelle Davis-Younger were there to help Pete & Betty celebrate. The reception was held at the Freedom Museum in Old Town Manassas.











#### 2022-23 Post Officers

#### 2022-23 Auxiliary 7589 Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore	President	Mary Corkhill
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone	Senior Vice President	Ellie Smith
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		Conductress	Janet Raskin
2 Year Trustee	Dave Mattingly	Guard	Patsy Gough
3 Year Trustee	Chris Morgan	Trustee 1	Yvonne Sullivan
Adjutant	Ron Link	Trustee 2	Jan Germain
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July 16—21	National Convention, Kansas City, MO
July 21	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM
August 1	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
August 6	Auxiliary School of Instruction — Post 637, 1400 Lynchburg St., Hopewell, VA — 9:00 AM
August 8	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
August 20	District 8 School of Instruction & Meeting — King George — 9:00 AM — Meeting follows SOI
September 10	10th annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ), Somerset County, PA
September 11	Flag retirement
September 12	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available) Post Meeting — 7:30 PM (Instead of Labor Day)
September 16	POW/MIA Recognition Day
October 3	Colin Wolfe Memorial Golf Tournament Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
October 10	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)

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# Benefitting the Educational Outreach Programs of Manassas Ballet Theatre

# The LCPL Colin J. Wolfe, USMC Memorial Golf Tournament



Colin J. Wolfe, the son of Amy and Mark Wolfe, grew up dancing with the Manassas Ballet Theatre, performing each year through 2005. In June 2005, Colin enlisted with the Marine Corps, graduating in September 2005. Colin was deployed to Iraq in July, 2006. He was killed by a roadside bomb only seven weeks later on August 30, 2006.



#### Our Mission

Manassas Ballet Theatre is a 501c(3) nonprofit corporation founded in 1983. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Northern Virginia by providing accessible and affordable professional ballet performances, educational outreach to the community and the highest level of training to the serious student.



#### Our Educational Outreach

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