

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
August 2013



Our thanks to Comrades Paul Chase and Warren Ewell for refinishing the Post sign. Paul (above) completed the finishing touches on July 25.

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Commander's Report



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year's National VFW Convention. It is time to go to life membership. Over the long run, it is less expensive. Below are two charts, the first is the current life membership plans and the second is estimated savings per age group. Life membership has two plans—one is a one-time payment and the other is an installment plan.

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Age	One-Time Payment	Installment Payment
18-30	\$425.00	\$38.64
31-40	\$410.00	\$37.27
41-50	\$375.00	\$34.09
51-60	\$335.00	\$30.45
61-70	\$290.00	\$26.36
71-80	\$225.00	\$20.45
81 +	\$170.00	\$15.45

Age	Amount of Dues to Age 75	Savings
25	\$1,750.00	\$1,286.32
35	\$1,400.00	\$952.76
45	\$1,050.00	\$640.92
55	\$700.00	\$334.60
65	\$350.00	\$33.68

Post appointments for the upcoming year are:

- Officer of the Day Robert Punihaole
- Historian Paul Chase
- Building Manager Wayne Moore
- Youth Chair Peter MacLeod
- Service Officer Steve Botello
- Chair
- Service Officer Stephen Meade
- Service Officer Wayne Moore
- Bingo Manager Rick Raskin

On the Department level appointments, our Post again leads the way.

Rick Raskin was elected a Trustee

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Auxiliary President's Report



a National organization.

At the National Convention in Louisville, KY, the new National President Amithea "Sissy" Borel from Louisiana and her officers were installed for the 2013-2014 year. Along with National President Borel, the other Officers are: National Sr. Vice Ann Panteleakos from Connecticut, National Jr. Vice, Francisca Guilford from Alaska, National Secretary/Treasurer, Jan Owens from South Carolina, National Chaplain, Colette Bishop from Illinois, National Conductress, Dee Guillory from Virginia, and National Guard Sandi Kriebel from Maryland.

Some of the upcoming events for August will be Ladies Auxiliary meeting on August 5th at 7:30pm and a Flag Retirement ceremony at the Post on August 10th at 8:00am. The Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for August 15th at 7:00pm and the Executive meeting on August 29th at 7:00pm. There will be a District 8 meeting but the Ladies Auxiliary will not be attending.

Due to Labor Day falling on Monday, September 2nd, the Ladies Auxiliary

The National meeting will be the following Monday on September 9th at 7:30pm. For other September events, we will be distributing the 9/11 Memorial Buddy Poppy during the Youth Committee Yard Sale on September 7th from 7am-2pm. The Auxiliary will be holding a fundraiser on September 12th at Noodles & Company from 4pm-9pm. The Youth Committee will be meeting on September 19th at 7:00pm and the Executive meeting will be at 7:00pm on September 26th. The Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Yard Sale inside the Post on September 28th from 7am-2pm.

Ladies, I would like to thank you for a wonderful and successful 2012-2013 year. If there is anything you need assistance with, please let me or any member know. We are here to assist you in any way we can. As always, for individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, you are in our prayers

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Ladies Auxiliary President



The new Auxiliary 100 year emblem

Service Officer's Report



As summer comes to a close and fall is right around the corner we are preparing for multiple upcoming veterans events. They are:
 Wayne Moore 1-703-361-5554
 Email: mgr7590@verizon.net
 Stephen Meade 1-703-408-0875
 Email: SO2-7589@hotmail.com

The Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs is now having their Veterans Claims Agent Aneicia Howell at our VFW. The schedule is every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month between 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

There will be a first ever Northern Virginia Veterans Resource and Recognition Fair on September 28, 2013, 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at South Riding Community Center, located at 43055 Center St South Riding, VA 20152.

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.

There will have a large variety of veteran specific resources from Veteran ID cards, ability to ask VA claim questions, general information and much much more. A flyer will be put out in August at the VFW fully describing all the vendors and resources that will be available for you.

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. Thank you.

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 Email: SO7589@verizon.net

On November 9, 2013 in Manassas, VA will be the annual Manassas Veterans Day parade. We openly invite you to come and participate and show your national spirit and the pride we all share in our service to our country.

Don't forget that this upcoming Veterans Day is Monday, November 11, 2013. There will be much activity so please stay tuned for more information as the date gets closer.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of our Veteran Service Officers and find out just what they can do for you!

Need help with filing VA claims?

VA DVS AGENT SERVICE
2nd & 4th THURSDAYS
0900 - 1500

Post 7589
9304 Centreville Rd.
Manassas, Virginia

APPOINTMENTS PLEASE
Walk-ins Accepted
703-359-1210

Youth News and Notes

Pete MacLeod
Youth Committee Chair

We are nearing the time when we will distribute the entry forms for the VFW 2013-2014 "Voice of Democracy, "Patriots Pen," and Teacher of the Year contests. The big question usually is: "What kind of essay are the judges looking for?" If we were to come up with a common denominator it would probably be to bring some personal experience into it.

For example, tell a short story about a family member who served in the military. The essays that have had the most success from VFW Post 7589 have all had a section of personal memories or experience to go along with the "big" ideas. For the teachers: documentation, documentation, documentation. By this we mean copies of newspaper articles about awards or accomplishments, copies of items the teacher has written, copies of letters from principals or colleagues praising the work of a teacher. Again, a family military connection doesn't hurt. All three teachers who won this year nationally had some connection with the U.S. military either through class trips, school assemblies or doing things like organizing the sending of "care packages" to U.S. troops serving overseas.

Both VFW national award winners this year put themselves into their essays. Mariesssa McKenna of Crofton, Md., the Patriot's Pen winner of a \$5,000 cash award, put herself back in the summer of 1776 working on the Declaration of Independence. Danielle Hayes of California, the national

Voice of Democracy winner of a \$30,000 scholarship, put herself directly into her explanation of how our Constitution is still relevant. Both essays were also written very clearly and with strong explanations of relatively simple ideas.

There are no guarantees of course but just about every winning essay I have seen over the past ten years on the Post, District and State level has had a personal component to it. A couple of very strong winners actually did research into family history and relatives or ancestors who had served our country.

If you want to read all the winning VFW national essays simply go to the VFW national website at www.vfw.org and click on Communities and then Programs and it takes you right to the entry portal for VOD, PP and the teachers and scouting programs.

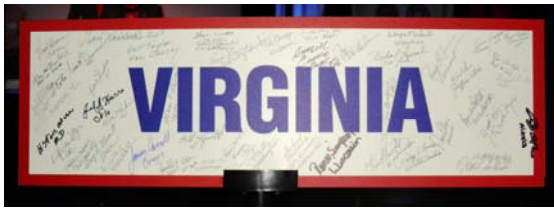
You can also print out entry forms for this year's contests directly from the national VFW website. Good Luck!

Yard Sale Alert!!!!!!

A plea from the Youth Committee: We are badly in need of items for our Sept 7 Yard Sale (7am-2pm at the Post Home).

We use this Yard Sale to fund the prizes for the VOD, PP and Teachers contests. If you can help with donated items, please call me at 703 220-4545 or email: jeanandpetermacleod@verizon.net.

114th VFW National Convention



The department of Virginia sign garnered many signatures.



Ron Link arrives raring to go.



Ron Link and Rick Raskin sign up at the Legacy Life Member booth.



Department Commander Chris Birch traditionally autographs another Department's sign.



Rick Raskin and Past Department Commander Margo Sheridan



Part of the Virginia Delegation.



Ron Link listens intently to proposed by-laws changes.



Department Chief of Staff Doc Crouch addresses the convention about the dues increase proposal.



Past Department Commander Margo Sheridan receives her All American Department award.



Geoff Lyster, Commander Warren-ton (9835), receives his All American Post award

Scam claims VFW affiliation

A new scam is circulating online claims that veterans are eligible to claim money, and asks that you reply with personal information. If you receive the message below via Facebook, email, or another means, DO NOT REPLY. This outreach is NOT associated with VFW in any capacity. It is a scam. Should you ever have questions to the validity of contact from the VFW, please contact your local VFW Post or Department.

My name Mike I'm special agent officer working for VFW program Help retired people with some people and disabled and the united states Government to help the deaf people and retied the less privilege all over the world, I want to let you know that you are among the list and we're here with your package now. If you're ready to

claim your money \$50,000.00 get back to us with this following information just to prove and signify that you're the real:

- Full name
- Full Home Address
- Your Age
- Date of birth
- Married/Single
- VFW Post
- E-mail
- Hotmail, Yahoo, AOL, Facebook
- Txt number
- Do you own a house or Rent Appt.

We need all the information because a lot of people lied to us and claimed to be the real person, so we need you to be honest with us, because most of the deaf, hard hearing, etc, benefits from the organization, get back to us ASAP.

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for the Virginia Commander's Club, IT Committee Chair, Resolutions Committee Chair, member of the Legislative committee, and member of the Newspaper committee.

I was appointed as Chair of Military Service Committee, Chair of Outreach Committee, Chair of Newspaper Committee, member of the Legislative committee, member of the Resolutions committee, and was elected as President of the Virginia Commander's Club.

Over the last year, we had a major project to upgrade the Post Home. I

want to thank Past and Charter Commander John Gregory for his guidance and insight for tackling such a project. A special thank you to Rick Raskin and Wayne Moore for their assistance as well. If you have not seen the upgrade, stop by and take a look.

Also, Comrades Paul Chase and Warren Ewell took on the task of refurbishing the Post sign. AS one drives by the Post, the sign really stands out. Thanks to both comrades.

All the best,

Ron

Dues increase passes at 114th convention

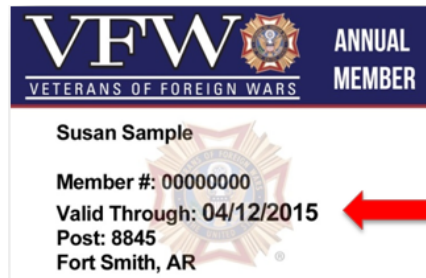
By a more than 2/3 vote the proposed \$10 dues increase was approved on July 22 at the 114th convention in Louisville, KY. The increase will only impact annual members. There is no change to life membership fees.

convert your membership to life. There are 2 methods of payment. You can pay the entire fee up front or enroll in a 12 month installment plan. For further information please contact the Post Quartermaster

Our Post dues will be increased from \$25 per year to \$35 beginning January 1, 2014.

If your current expiration is December 31, 2013 and you wish to renew before January 1, 2014, the fee is still \$25 and your membership will be extended to December 31, 2014.

However, now is a perfect time to



Your new annual membership card will include your membership expiration date.



Doug Keller, Buddy Weekley, Ellen Carleton, Shema Peppers, Rick Raskin, Laura Absher, Dana Rivera and others prepare for the Patriotic Rally at the National Convention.



Virginia's participants in the Patriotic Rally at the National Convention gather prior to stepping off.



The Virginia delegation enthusiastically steps out.



Auxiliary members Carol Vangi, Ellen Stogsdill, 7589 President Mary Corkhill and Irene Peters.

State Recruiter Class—October 4-5

There will be a State Recruiting class District 8 Commander Rick Raskin. held October 5th & 6th at Post 9808 in Mechanicsville. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 3** School of Instruction— Post 3103, Fredericksburg
- August 5** VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 PM
- August 25** District 8 Meeting - Post 7728 - Morrisville - 1300
- September 7** Youth Committee Yard Sale
- October 12** Auxiliary Yard Sale



Youth Committee Yard Sale
7 AM to 2 PM
Saturday, Sept. 7
Post Home



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