

CANNON NEWS

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Commander-in-Chief Brian Duffy presents the All American District Commander Award to District 8 Commander Ron Link at the VFW National Convention in New Orleans.

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Commander's Message



Pete MacLeod

I didn't make it down to New Orleans for the National VFW Convention in July but I have met the new National Commander in Chief and I think he is a great guy.

Keith Harman, from Ohio, was on a tour of Virginia last Spring which ended at VFW Post 1503 in Dale City. Rick Raskin, now the State Junior Vice Commander, invited me to meet with the group of state officers and Chief Harman who had all been on the week long trip.

If you watched his speech in New Orleans you know this is not your typical dynamic political leader. Keith Harman is a regular guy, a Vietnam combat veteran, a man who worked as a union leader for years and then began a new career helping fellow veterans. He is laid back and could even be described as quiet; rare for a guy who has risen so high in the ranks. But it just shows that the VFW leadership is open to all kinds of people as it should be.

What I remember about my conversation with him last April at Post 1503 was that he praised our state and the beauty of the mountains and people. He asked me about Post 7589 which he had heard about from

traveling with Rick; in other words, it was not all about him. He was sincerely trying to learn what he could about the VFW in Virginia.

As I watched his New Orleans speech on the VFW National website, I was struck by how his family was mentioned over and over again. He must have mentioned and thanked his brother-in-law four or five times for helping him get involved with the VFW. He had special thanks for his wife, his children and grandchildren and also said that he has 9 family members in the VFW Auxiliary.

Some of the points he made in his address:

- The first mission of every VFW member is to help their fellow veterans.
- What you can do to help veterans not what can the VFW do to help you.

He continued the theme we heard at the Va. state convention that "VFW members don't brag enough about what they do for the community." The hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours every year, the hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships to young people and the hours and hours that the VFW service officers put in to help fellow veterans in getting what they earned by putting their lives on the line for this country.

Chief Harman spoke about service to others but he also criticized the continuing cuts to our military and how a recent recovery team had to stop its work in Vietnam due to cutbacks.

Yes, he stumbled through some parts of his speech and he is no polished, professional announcer, but he is not supposed to be. No one could listen without emotion as he talked about his years in Vietnam and how he has left his bitterness about the war behind. He recently returned to Vietnam and witnessed the continuing search for the remains of those missing in action.

I can't accurately predict how Chief Harman will perform in his year in office, but I do think you would have a hard time finding a person who better represents the individual members that make up this great veterans organization!

Book Note: Many Vietnam veterans are reading the new book by Mark Bowden, "Hué 1968." Bowden was the author of the bestseller, "Black Hawk Down." I think this one is even better. It's a blow by blow account of the battle for Hué during the TET offensive of 1968. What is unique about this book is that Bowden interviewed people on all sides of the battle from NVA soldiers to U.S. Marines to civilians who were Viet Cong supporters to civilians who were working with Americans.

The big cheer I would give this work is that it shows the individual heroism of the U.S. military during this surprise attack and how U.S. forces recovered from the initial shock and fought as valiantly as Americans have fought in any war. Bowden's account of the first night of fighting and the courage shown by so many Americans is just riveting and you literally cannot put the book down. If you read one book this year, make sure it's this one!

Legacy Life Membership: This prestigious program is available to all Life Members. 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	VFW Store Discount	Annual Payouts		
		Post	Department	National
Gold- \$1200	15%	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver- \$800	10%	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze- \$400	5%	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

What will your Legacy be?

Auxiliary President



Congratulations to the new National President, Dee Guillory (Department of Virginia). She was installed at the 104th National Convention in New Orleans, LA on July 26, 2017. The other new National Officers are: National Sr. Vice President Sandi Kriebel (Department of Maryland), National Jr. Vice President Peggy Haake (Department of Hawaii), the new National Secretary/Treasurer Jan Passmore (Department of Michigan), National Chaplain Sandra Onstwedder (Department of Michigan), National Conductress Jean Hamil (Department of Florida) and National Guard Jane Reape (Department of New York). The Department of Virginia wishes all the National Officers a very successful year.



National President, Dee Guillory

There were several resolutions which were defeated or cancelled and revisions to the By-laws brought before the convention floor. The main revision to the By-laws was clarification of a member-at-large. The membership voted to accept the clarification which states that members at large do not have a voice in the working of an Auxiliary unless they are a member of an

Auxiliary. There was also information about the new membership system MALTA. This system was activated the first week in July and had the membership in mind. Not only does National Headquarters want to be more efficient, they also want to engage with every member through MALTA. The annual dues are due for 2018 and we will assist you with your payment through the new MALTA system. Thank you in advance.

Next year's Western Conference has the opportunity to have the 2018-2019 candidates for National Guard. They are: Lee Ann Lam from New Mexico, Joyce Bilyen from California and Carla Jean Martinez from Utah. If there are any other candidates running for another position I will inform you.

The main focus for the Post and Auxiliary is veterans and their families. We have several programs that we will be working on this year. They are: Americanism, Hospital, Legislative, Membership, Scholarship, Veterans & Family Support and Youth Activities. If you have participated in any of the above programs, please let us know. If there is anything we can do to assist you in your needs, just call on us.

The scholarship program for high school and middle school themes are as follows: Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12) is "*American History: Our Hope for the Future*". The middle school Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8) is "*America's Gift to My Generation*". Deadline for the above essay contest was change to **October 31, 2017**. The deadline for the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award has been changed to **October 31, 2017**. This program is for the teachers from grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The Auxiliary Continuing Education Award (for Auxiliary immediate family members) deadline is February 15, 2018. The Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest, expressing patriotism through art, deadline is March 31, 2018. We look forward to any of the contest entries from the students of the communities.

The 8th District meeting will be held on August 13, 2017 at Post 7589 and lunch will be provided by Manassas Park Post 1811. The joint session will start at 1:00pm after the 12:00 lunch. After lunch,

the Posts and Auxiliaries will meet in different areas of the Post. If you have any questions, please let me know.

The Department Auxiliary Council of Administration (August 25th) and School of Instruction (August 26th) will be held at Battlefield Auxiliary 9808, Mechanicsville, VA. If you would like to attend, please let me know. Please don't forget our Yard Sale on September 9th with set-up on September 8 from 4-8pm. If you wish to donate any items, we will gladly take them. Thank you for supporting the VFW Auxiliary. The Ceremony for the POW/MIA Recognition Day will be at American Legion Post 10 on Friday, September 22nd at 8pm.

The not-for-profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) organization has provided us with a fundraiser for our organization. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. Sponsorship forms are included in this newsletter or can be printed from our website at www.vfw7589.org. You may also contact Ginger Harvey at 571-285-6243 or gchl130@aol.com. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.com and remember to include our **Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P** and **Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT**. DEADLINE is November 30, 2017.

The National Home for Children, located in Eaton Rapids, MI. is celebrating their 92nd year. They assist families of active duty military during a deployment or unaccompanied tour. The Life Membership is only \$35.00. If you wish to become a Life Member, please forward your application and funds to National Home for Children.

I would like to thank all the members and the public for assisting us in our coupons campaign for the Veterans overseas. Since May, we have collected \$30,299.15. Thank you so much.

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

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President

Youth News & Notes



Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

Post 7589 recently

received our brochures for the 2017-2018 VFW Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy youth contests as well as the "VFW Teacher of the Year" award. Presently, we are distributing the brochures to Prince William County, City of Manassas, Fairfax County, and Loudoun County area schools. We are currently ordering 11" x 17" posters for these events as well and will place them in local libraries, businesses, and my two orthodontic offices. Applications can also be printed from the VFW national website: www.vfw.org.

The theme for the contests are as follows:

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"

The entry deadline for all three contests will once again be on the same day 31 October 2017. The VFW Teacher of the Year award will recognize exceptional teachers in Grades K-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

We are making a concerted effort to reach out to additional schools and increase student participation in the essay contests. A full list of all the schools will be provided to you soon.

We are currently planning a flag retirement ceremony with Cub Scout Pack 1355 and are setting up a date in late August or the month of September to hold this event. We were also planning to present Cadet First Lieutenant Brandon Lawson with the VFW Award, for his outstanding performance as a cadet officer in the Prince William Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol during 2016, at the General Membership meeting of Post 7589 on 7 August. Due to the recipient being unavailable we will instead make the presentation at the National Guard Armory, on Dumfries Road, on 15 August and will provide a full report of the event and this cadet's impressive credentials and accomplishments at that time.

We are always looking for volunteers on the youth committee and would welcome



At the June 20, 2017 the Civil Air Patrol Awards ceremony at the Manassas National Guard Armory Post Commander Pete MacLeod presented the VFW NCO Medal and Certificate Award to Cadet Master Sergeant Noah Graves of the Prince William Composite Squadron.

any, and all, help you may provide. Just contact myself or Commander Macleod if you have any interest in joining us. The meetings are the third Thursday of the month, at 7 PM, at Post 7589. The next youth committee meeting is scheduled for 17 August 2017. We hope to see you there.



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

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.

Vietnam Veteran Elected VFW National Commander

Ending sequestration will remain a top priority under new leadership

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 26, 2017) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States concluded its 118th National Convention today with the election of Keith Harman of Delphos, Ohio, as its new national commander.

Harman served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969, including service in Vietnam as a crew chief and door gunner on Huey helicopters.

During his acceptance speech, he spoke highly of the nearly 1.7 million members of VFW and its Auxiliary, citing the members' camaraderie as the driving force to the success of the organization. "Every member of our organization has walked the talk, and every member of our great Auxiliary has lived the fear of having a loved one downrange. I believe in what the VFW stands for — to take care of veterans, service members and their families — and I am proud to be a part of it, and honored to lead it," the new national commander told the crowd.

Harman has been a member of the VFW for 34 years, belonging to VFW Post 3035 in Delphos, Ohio. He has served in elected and appointed positions at Post, District and Department (state) levels, and achieved All-American status during his year as commander of the VFW Department of Ohio in 2004.

Throughout his remarks, he stressed the importance of the VFW's work to those it serves, and praised today's service members' resolve and dedication. "Sixteen years ago, no one would have thought it possible for America to fight a nonstop, two-front war for so long without restarting the draft, but we have — they have — and they continue to do so magnificently, which is a testament not only to their patriotism but also to their character," he said.

The national commander also discussed his recent fact-finding trip to Southeast Asia. It was his first return to Vietnam after ending his military service there 49 years prior. He noted the dedication and commitment to America's Full Accounting Mission of



those associated with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, and reiterated the VFW's commitment to the program.

With the demand, "Sequestration must end!", Keith made clear during his remarks ending sequestration will again top the VFW legislative agenda for his term as national commander.

He will lead the organization under the theme *Service not Self*. "Those three words represent the life I've led for more than four decades," he explained.

During his tenure as national commander, Harman will log thousands of miles across the U.S. and abroad to promote veterans' issues and advocate for better quality of life programs for all veterans, service members and their families.

Also elected were Senior Vice Commander Vincent "B.J." Lawrence, of Alamogordo, N.M., and Junior Vice Commander William J. "Doc" Schmitz of Corning, N.Y.

VFW Appoints New Adjutant General *Brian Duffy becomes first Desert Storm veteran to hold CEO position*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 27, 2017) — Brian Duffy was appointed adjutant general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. yesterday at the 118th VFW National Convention in New Orleans, La. His appointment comes immediately following a year-long term as the national commander of the more than 1.2 million-member organization. He also becomes the first Desert Storm veteran to hold the position, which is similar in duties to any corporate chief executive officer.

Duffy retired from a successful 27-year career with United Parcel Service (UPS) airlines in 2014, having held the titles of flight engineer instructor, instructor/check captain on Boeing 757 and 767 aircraft, and ultimately, assistant chief pilot. He will now oversee the day-to-day operations of the nation's largest organization of combat veterans.

During his time as VFW national commander, Duffy started several new initiatives to support the VFW's multifaceted approach to serving America's veterans, service members and their families, as well as their communities. This included new and expanded grants to VFW Posts to boost community service efforts, an expanded relationship with Student Veterans of America, and a nationwide, ongoing campaign to raise awareness and to combat the stigma surrounding seeking mental health care.

"I'm honored to take on the new challenge of serving the VFW as its adjutant general," said Duffy. "Having just finished a year visiting with our service members at home and abroad, hearing from them firsthand on what programs and benefits are working for them and what are not, has given me great perspective. I look forward to applying that perspective to the daily operations of the VFW."

The VFW's new adjutant general served in the U.S. Air Force as a jet engine mechanic on F-4 Phantom fighter aircraft, and later as a flight engineer aboard C-141 Starlifter transport aircraft. He



deployed in support of several campaigns, to include Grenada, Panama, and Operations Desert Shield and Storm in Southwest Asia. His military decorations include the Air Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

Duffy has a longstanding history of service both to his country and within his community. He joined the VFW in 1983. His Honor Flight activities were recognized by the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame, the Kentucky Derby Festival as the 2009 "Thunderator," and was a recipient of the 2011 (Louisville) WLKY "Bell Award" for community volunteerism. In 2012, he was the recipient of President Obama's Volunteer Service Award after being nominated by UPS to recognize his numerous volunteer activities.

He is a Gold Legacy Life member of VFW Post 1170 in Middletown, Ky.

Post-9/11 GI Bill Becoming Greater

'Taking care of veterans most bipartisan issue in Washington'

WASHINGTON (July 13, 2017) —

The signing of the Post-9/11 GI Bill in 2008 was the culmination of a decade's worth of effort by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to fight for a new military education benefit. Now that historic bill is becoming even greater, thanks entirely to strong congressional support and the intense advocacy of the VFW and other veterans and military service organizations in Washington and around the country.

Since its activation in 2009, the Post-9/11 GI Bill has helped more than one million veterans to pursue their post-military educational goals, but gaps in eligibility and coverage began to emerge as more and more veterans — or their survivors — took advantage of it.

Purple Heart recipients who bled for their nation, but didn't have the requisite three years of active service, received only a partial benefit. Veterans attending schools that abruptly closed — through no fault of the veteran — were abandoned with academic credits they couldn't transfer or enough benefit to complete their degrees. More than 25,000 Guardsmen and Reservists continue to be involuntarily activated without accruing the same full benefit as their active duty counterparts. Survivors of service members killed-in-action are denied eligibility for the Yellow Ribbon Program, which limits a family's ability to cover the full cost of tuition at many participating private institutions. Post-9/11 GI Bill education benefits transferred to a dependent child cannot be transferred to another sibling should the first child unfortunately die. And veterans who do not use their Post-9/11 GI Bill within 15 years of discharge or retirement lose the benefit.

"But no more," said VFW National Commander Brian Duffy. "This Congress is acting on our suggestions to correcting deficiencies to ensure that all who are eligible — and those who have yet to raise their right hands — will benefit from the greatest educational benefit for veterans ever created," he said.

"This beefed-up Post-9/11 GI Bill recognizes the long service and sacrifice of the one percent of Americans who have voluntarily put their personal lives on hold to fight an unimaginable multi-front war for 16-plus years," he said. "The strong congressional support also proves that taking care of veterans and their families is the most bipartisan issue there is in Washington."

—VFW—

Veterans Leaders Applaud House Passage of Bill Implementing House-Senate Agreement to Continue Funding Choice Program and Invest in VA Health Care

Joint Statement from multiple VSOs

As veterans service organizations with over 5.5 million combined members, we applaud the House of Representatives today for passing legislation (S. 114) that would not only continue the Choice program uninterrupted, but also make critically-needed investments in the VA health care system. The bill approved today would implement a bipartisan, bicameral agreement that leaders of the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees reached following Monday's defeat in the House of a prior version of Choice funding extension legislation.

On behalf of our members and all veterans who rely on VA for their medical care, we are grateful that the bill approved today will appropriate \$2.1 billion — without having to meet PAYGO offset requirements — to continue funding the current Choice program for another six months. Most importantly, we supported this legislation because it will authorize 28 urgently-needed medical facility leases to expand VA's internal capacity to deliver care, as well as provide VA with new tools and authorities to recruit, hire and retain high-quality medical professionals.

We thank House Chairman Phil Roe (TN) and Ranking Member Tim Walz (MN) for working nonstop all week and in good faith to address the objections we raised about the bill that failed on Monday. We are also grateful to Senate Chairman Johnny Isakson (GA) and Ranking Member Jon Tester (MT) for their tireless efforts to ensure that the final legislation would clearly demonstrate Congress' commitment to strengthening the VA health care system while also funding the Choice program. We know that this compromise agreement would not have been reached, nor the legislation approved, without the personal commitment of each of these leaders to supporting the men and women who served.

With the Senate expected to approve this legislation in the next week, and VA Secretary Shulkin indicating the President will sign it, we will have avoided an unnecessary crisis in the short term, and made critically-important investments in VA health care capacity for the long term.

While we will be gratified when this legislation is enacted, we must immediately turn our attention to the coming debate over how to strengthen and modernize the VA health care system, and how community care should be integrated to ensure timely and convenient access for all enrolled veterans. We look forward to working with both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans' Affairs to reform the VA health care system and ensure sufficient funding so that all veterans have timely access to high-quality, veteran-focused health care.

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VFW Lauds Unanimous House Passage of Forever GI Bill:

On Monday, the U.S. House of Representatives showed unquestionable, bipartisan commitment to America's student veterans by voting 405-0 to pass H.R. 3218, known as the Forever GI Bill. The VFW salutes the House for their unanimous support to improve veterans' educational benefits. The vote proves that no matter the political party or ideology, our elected officials are taking care of those who have worn our country's uniform. Strongly supported by the VFW and a coalition of veterans organizations, including VFW's strategic partner, Student Veterans of America, H.R. 3218 addresses current gaps in Post-9/11 GI Bill eligibility and coverage. It ensures more veterans and their surviving family members have an opportunity to pursue their educational goals, such as Purple Heart recipients who do not have the requisite three years of active service; veterans attending schools that close abruptly through no fault of the veterans; and thousands of involuntarily activated National Guardsmen and Reservists. It also eliminates the 15-year, use-or-lose limitation, which means veterans truly have a lifetime to use their GI Bill. The Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee advanced its version of H.R. 3218. The bill now awaits consideration by the full Senate. The VFW urges its members and supporters to contact their Senators and ask them to pass this vital legislation. Contact your Senator.

Veterans Legislation Roundup:

This week, the House advanced several VFW-supported veterans bills to improve benefits and services. On Monday, the House passed H.R. 2006, the *VA Procurement Efficiency and Transparency Act*, which would encourage efficiency and transparency in VA's procurement processes by mandating high-level parameters for how the department calculates its savings through competition when awarding procurement contracts; H.R.1690, the *Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act*, which would require VA to submit an annual report to Congress regarding performance awards provided to regional office directors, medical center directors, service network directors, and senior executive staff; and H.R. 282, the *Military Residency Choice Act*, which would amend the *Servicemembers Civil Relief Act* to permit the spouse of a service member to elect to use the same residence as the service member for purposes of taxation and voting, regardless of the date they were married. Today, the House also passed: H.R.2772, the *VA Senior Executive Accountability Act*, which would improve transparency by requiring VA to inform Congress about where senior executives are being moved; H.R. 3262, the *Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2017*, which establishes a pilot program to pro-

vide educational assistance and training as VA physician assistants for certain former members of the armed forces with medical or military health experience; H.R. 95, the *Veterans' Access to Child Care Act*, which would make VA's pilot program for child care a permanent program at VA for veterans who are receiving regular mental health services or other intensive health care services from VA and serve as the primary caretaker of a child; and H.R. 873, the *Global War on Terrorism Memorial Act*, which would authorize the Global War on Terror Memorial Foundation to establish the National Global War on Terrorism Memorial as a commemorative work in the District of Columbia.

VFW Hosts Panel Discussion on Women Veterans:

The VFW hosted a panel titled, "Women Veterans: Strong and Growing" during its national convention in New Orleans. The panel included three members from the women's committee, as well as Kayla Williams, the director for VA's Center for Women Veterans. The panel took questions from members regarding VA health care for women. The attendees included both men and women, and grew to five times the attendance size of the 2016 women's panel. Since 2008, the VFW's female membership has grown by 421 percent.

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST	
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)
SEPTEMBER	
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
OCTOBER	
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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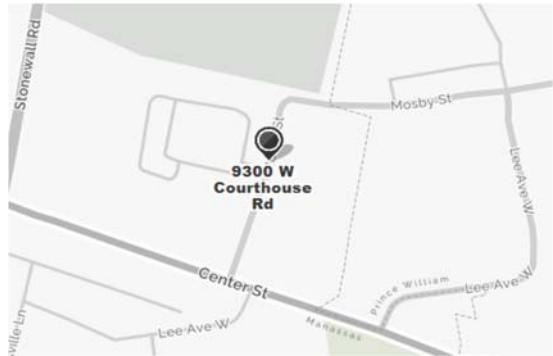
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September 9, 2017

7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Manassas, VA**

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



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Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1500.00		
		Grand Total	

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Email or Mailing address

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

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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.

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