

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

U.S. Military Can't Find Recruits, With Few Able and Fewer Willing

Virtually across the board, the armed forces are experiencing large shortfalls in enlistment. On pace to have the worst recruiting numbers since shortly after the Vietnam War; the military shows a deficit of thousands of entry-level

troops. This threatens to throw a wrench into the military's machinery, leaving critical jobs unfilled and some platoons with too few people to function.

The Army is the largest of the armed forces, and the recruiting shortfall is hitting it the hardest. As of late June, it had recruited only about 40 percent of the roughly 57,000 new soldiers it wants to put in boots by Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year.

The other branches are not having any easier of a time. The Navy and Marine Corps do not release recruiting figures before the end of the fiscal year, but both have acknowledged that it will be hard for them to meet quotas this year. Even the Air Force, which has rarely had trouble attracting talent in the past, is about 4,000 recruits short of the level it typically reaches by midsummer.

Contributing factors while not inclusive proved immediate; Covid-19 is part of the problem, the current white-hot labor market, with many more jobs available than people to fill them. Longer-term demographic trends are also taking a toll. Less than a quarter of young American adults are physically fit to enlist or have disqualifying criminal records. And shifting attitudes toward military service means that now only about one in ten (10) young people say they would even consider it.

Trying to counter those forces, the military has pushed enlistment bonuses as high as \$50,000 and is offering "quick ship" cash of up to \$10,000 for certain recruits who can leave for basic training in 30 days. To broaden the recruiting pool, the service branches have loosened their restrictions on neck tattoos and other standards. In June, the Army even briefly dropped its requirement for a high school diploma, before deciding that was a bad move and rescinding the change.

Research has repeatedly shown that young adults who know someone who has served — a parent, a coach, a teacher — are more likely to enlist than those who do not.

That pattern has made the armed forces something of a family business, and led to some communities, many of them in the Southeast, supplying a disproportionate share of recruits. But even in those kinds of communities, recruiting has been tough this year.

By: Dave Phillips, extracted from nytimes.com

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



Since 1790, the U.S. Coast Guard has kept the nation's waterways safe. As a critical role in national security, they patrol our coasts for drug smugglers, human trafficking and both domestic and international terrorism. As the bad guys (and girls) have gotten more savvy with technology, the Coast Guard has developed sophisticated, effective technology to combat crimes on the water and at our ports. On August 4th, let's give the U.S. Coast Guard the love it deserves.



The U.S. Purple Heart Day on August 7th is the day for Americans to remember and honor the men and women who bravely represented their country and were wounded or killed while serving. These people are decorated with a Purple Heart, in the name of the President, and this day is for remembering them and their sacrifice.

I just returned from the National Convention and I am very happy to report that Virginia did very well with the National programs. They brought home three first place and five second place awards on the National level.

Upcoming events:

- The District meeting is scheduled for August 20th at Culpeper Post 2524 with the School of Instruction starting at 9:00 AM and the joint session starting at 10 AM.
- The Post will be attending the Manassas Fall Jubilee on October 1, 2022.
- Northern Virginia Veterans Parade, Saturday, November 5th at 11 AM. The Post and Auxiliary will be serving breakfast before the parade.
- The Auxiliary will be requesting sponsorship for Wreaths Across America again this year. Deadline is November 30, 2022.

The National Home for Children is a small-town community open to the families of active-duty military personnel, veterans and relatives of VFW and Auxiliary members. Be a part of the National Home's history! Ordering a personalized brick is a wonderful way to honor a friend or loved one and leave a lasting mark on the campus of the National Home. Bricks are placed in walkways in front of the community center, health & education building, museum and World War II monument. Another way is to purchase a Life Membership for \$50.00. Your gift will be life-changing for the families of our nation's heroes. The email address, <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org/>, will assist you with more information about the National Home.

Please keep all families and individuals who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their heavenly home, in your prayers. Remember, we are still in uncertain and challenging times so please stay safe and let your loved ones know how much you care.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President



Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone is well and enjoying the summer months. We held our last meeting on 21 July at the Post. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Peter MacLeod, our newest member Dr. Erika Laos, and myself. As mentioned in our last newsletter the summer is historically a quiet time for the Youth Committee. We are currently ramping up for our Fall Student Essay and Teacher of the Year contests and our 9-11 Flag Retirement

Ceremony. With the exception of our Post’s Summer Scouting events there isn’t much Youth Activity to report on.

The Committee is currently recruiting students and teachers for the Patriot’s Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year contests. The deadline for these contests is 31 October. A full list of schools has been compiled and has been made available to Youth Committee members and is available upon request to the general membership. Most of our participating schools are located in the City of Manassas, however, our reach extends as far as Centreville, Chantilly and Gainesville/Haymarket. We are now actively contacting our schools as they reopen for fall classes and are hopeful we will have a high level of participation as in past years. Should any members be interested in participating in our contests, to include recruiting and judging, please contact any Youth Committee member and we’ll be happy to include you in our activities. Our student and teacher contests offer cash prizes and scholarships to the winners from Post level all the way up to National. As a reminder this year’s theme for Patriot’s Pen is “My Pledge to Our Veterans” and for Voice of Democracy the theme is “Why Is The Veteran Important?”. Please join us if you can.

Preparations are underway for our 9-11 Flag Retirement Ceremony. Invitations will be going out shortly to the Post’s Scout Troop 1372 and Pack 1372 as well as other local area Scout units. We hope to have a good turnout for the event and we usually have cooperative weather. We plan on setting up at the Post on Sunday, 9-11, at about 11:30 AM and start the ceremony promptly at 12:00 noon. The ceremony is produced and conducted exclusively by our Scouts. It is a wonderful ceremony to attend and will prove to be both solemn and memorable. Please join us for this event if you can. Following the event the Auxiliary is sponsoring a pizza party for the Scouts and all other participants. We will probably conclude sometime around 3PM in time for the 4 PM Post hall rental.

As will be reported in more detail by Alex Bliem, Life Scout Ethan Williams was given permission by the City of Manassas and the Architectural Review Board to replace the posts and restore the VFW sign outside the Post Hall. It was originally supposed to be a total sign replacement but the city rejected Ethan’s plan since he was using some non-wood components in the redesigned sign. The project is now a restoration of the existing sign and everyone, including Ethan, is anxious to begin

the project.

After a few years of non-participation our Post is ready to return to the annual City of Manassas Fall Jubilee. This event is a wonderful street fair in Old Town Manassas filled with vendors, organizations, amusements and food trucks. It will be held on Saturday, 1 October and should be an enjoyable time for everyone who attends. The Youth Committee will join our Post and hand out Halloween bags to all children present. It is also an excellent opportunity to recruit both members for our Post and Auxiliary as well as students and teachers for our Youth contests. This is yet another event you should consider attending and happens to be one of my favorite Post activities.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 18 August at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us and share the rewards of working with and mentoring our youth. You will find it to be both fulfilling and tremendously gratifying.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair



“My Pledge to Our Veterans”



“Why Is The Veteran Important”

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

The last couple of months have seen our Scouts getting back out there for their summer adventures.

We had a group of Scouts depart for a lengthy high adventure trip through the borderlands way up there in Minnesota. They had to pack and carry everything they needed (including food and shelter) for an eight day canoe trip with no support and no accommodations. The only communication would have been an emergency satellite phone. At times they even had

to portage their canoes for a distance in between waterways. They ditched their devices and enjoyed our magnificent parklands. They had a trip that they will remember for a lifetime.

We also had a large group of Scouts and leaders attend summer camp at Heritage Scout Reserve outside of Pittsburgh for a week. Here they worked on many different merit badges. These would include life saving, first aid, mammal study, rifle, shotgun, archery, kayak, leather working and many others. The Scouts individually chose which ones interested them. The Scouts also chose a camp where they were responsible for their own food at every meal. They cooked and cleaned for themselves every day. Everyone made it back happy and healthy.

Our Scouting units also had a decent amount of Scouts stay at camp all summer as counselors. This benefits them with having a job, getting paid, but more importantly being able to help, guide, and teach the even younger Scouts.

The troops also had a carwash fundraiser (donations only) to help pay for a camping trip to a beach in Delaware over the long Labor Day weekend. The Scouts planned and executed the car wash in which drivers were generous with their donations. Our Venturing crew is planning on doing the same in August to help fund some of their own adventures.

The Scouts in general have been taking full advantage of the sunlight and warmer weather. They have been meeting outside now and planning more outdoor activities. During the outdoor meetings they have been learning and practicing more skills that are based on outdoors activities.

Our Life Scout who is working on his Eagle rank is getting closer to beginning his work on renovating the Post sign. The permit has finally been approved and he is hoping to start the work in another month or so based on further approvals/signatures.

That is a wrap for July.

Thank you,
 Alex & Tina Bliem
 VFW Post 7589
 Pack, Troops, Crew 1372



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Recruiting and Legislative Report



Monti Zimmerman

First, on recruiting, we are starting well. As of the end of the month of July, we already have recruited a handful of new members. As I stated at the last meeting, nationally, we finished the year (June 30th) with 1,018,778 members. During the first week of July, National removed those members that were verified to be deceased. More than 76,000 members were removed, leaving us at 942,686 at the start of the new VFW membership year.

Our Post starts the year 21 members less than we ended the past year. Every Post has been given a goal of 102%. Our goal number will be 552. This is a very achievable number for us to recruit. Also, there is a new recruiting award this year. This past year, only 8,358 members of our nearly 1 million, recruited at least one member. My goal is for every active member of the Post to recruit one member. You will be recognized as there will be a new award from the National commander-in-chief to recognize anyone who recruits at least one member!

Second, on legislation, we did see the new legislation signed in June to reduce military retired taxable income for the Commonwealth of Virginia by \$10,000 for your 2022 taxes (filed next year). We will focus on the start of the three year process to make the surviving spouse property tax relief a permanent benefit through a Constitutional Amendment. The Joint Leadership Council for Veteran Service Organizations will also support an increase for the Virginia National Guard tax relief benefit and veteran's spouses to receive a reduction of burial fees for the state cemeteries.

Monti Zimmerman
Virginia VFW Legislative Chair

Internet Safety

While the internet has so many good things to offer, as with anything, there is a dark side as well. Recognizing there are threats, and that they are serious, is the first step but then it's equally as important that you put yourself in a position in which you're not overly exposed to the threats you can't control and not exposed to the ones you can.

To help you do this, Internet Advisor put together this ultimate internet safety guide. It includes all the information about the latest threats lurking out there on the internet, and it also details some simple but effective strategies that you can implement to keep you, and any children under your care, safe while on the web.

Click here: <https://www.internetadvisor.com/internet-safety-guide>

State Commander



Geoff Lyster

Comrades & Auxiliary,

Greetings. We had a very busy week both across the state and across the nation.

National Convention: We had a very successful VFW National Convention in Kansas City, MO. Congratulations to Commander-In-Chief (C-I-C) Tim Borland and his Officers who were elected and installed on July 21, 2022. This includes our own Ken Wiseman, who was installed as National Councilman. Chief Tim Borland served in the Army from 1979 to 2007, last serving with the 101st Airborne Division, earning his VFW eligibility serving in Korea and Iraq. In his acceptance speech he vowed to make membership a priority this year and pledged to make 100 percent. We here in Virginia will do our best to facilitate this dream by making Virginia 100 percent plus. Congrats to the Dept. of Virginia for earning All-American honors, as well as seven of our Districts and 37 of our Posts. Congratulations to Past C-I-C Hal Roesch on being awarded the VFW Distinguished Service Award. A sincere thank you to the VFW Dept. of Virginia Riders, who donated \$10,000 to the VFW National Home for Children. And to the Virginia delegation who passed the hat and made a spot donation of \$250 to the National Buddy Poppy Child, Aurora.

We had a rather large and boisterous Virginia delegation (VFW and Auxiliary) representing us, and our (All-American) seats were right up front. Thanks to all who attended, and special thanks to Cmdr Jim Cooper, Post 637 and his Hospitality Team who hosted the most popular Hospitality Suite in Kansas City! Next years' convention is in Phoenix, AZ.

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-State Round-up: Your State Officers conducted a State Round-up to District 4 the last weekend in July. We have several Post events; public relations events and recruiting events planned all around the District. We are looking forward to getting out into the community and showing our pride. Stay tuned for details.

-VFW State Calendar-Raffle: This week we completed our final draft of the 2023 State Calendar-Raffle and sent them to the publisher. The calendars were very popular last year; with literally hundreds of prizes awarded statewide. I hope you will support this fundraising initiative. Remember all proceeds go towards supporting the Department of Virginia VFW. We plan to have them available at the first *District Meeting & SOI*. All calendars include a raffle ticket stub and the cost is only \$20 each. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks and have a great week!

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Geoff

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Commissioner's Corner



Friends and fellow veterans-

“Never trust a politician; watch their budget instead!”

One of the reasons I'm proud to work for Governor Youngkin is because of the high regard he has for veterans and their families. He often says that he wants to keep every veteran in Virginia by making Virginia the best place for veterans and their families to live, work, and raise their families.

Governor Youngkin delivered on his promise to provide tax relief for military retirees and surviving spouses! The new budget includes a “phased in” tax exemption of military benefits for those 55 years and older. For 2022, up to \$10,000 of military benefits are exempt. This rises to \$20,000 in 2023, \$30,000 in 2024, and \$40,000 in 2025. Click [here](#) for more details!

The biennial budget also includes \$5 million in dedicated funding for a Veteran Suicide Prevention Coordinator position here at the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS) and increased support for a campaign to increase awareness and help to prevent suicides among veterans and active military members. And lastly, funding is included to create a “Gold Standard” digital hub for Virginia veterans and family members to fast-track eligibility for and access to their veterans benefits across multiple agencies and platforms.

Other good news for Virginia's veterans and transitioning service members was the announcement of the establishment of a new workforce development center on the new Virginia Tech graduate engineering campus in Alexandria in partnership with The Boeing Company. This center will help military members transition to civilian life and build careers in the expanding technology and defense industries. At DVS, we are excited that we will be involved in this project.

All of these announcements are truly great wins for Virginia veterans and their families and our Commonwealth. As Governor Youngkin has stated numerous times, Virginia wants to attract and retain veterans and their families as they contribute so positively to the quality of life and very fabric of the Old Dominion.

As we approach the 246th anniversary of the birth of American Independence, I want to assure each of you that your Virginia Department of Veterans Services, remains strongly committed to serving those that served our great nation in uniform and those that continue to serve so that those freedoms we hold dear are never lost.

DVS is here to serve you. We can serve you best when you let us know how we can best perform this mission. Please don't hesitate to contact our DVS team members and me with your ideas, and suggestions.

Enjoy your summer and my best wishes to you and your families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan. Gade". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Daniel Gade, PhD, Commissioner
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

VFW Elects First Iraq War Veteran to Lead Organization

When it comes to recruiting and retention, 'Every Veteran Counts!'



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 21, 2022) — Timothy M. Borland, of Benson, Arizona, was elected today as the new national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), a congressionally chartered veterans service organization comprised of more than 1 million eligible veterans and military service members from all six branches of the armed forces.

“My slogan this year is ‘Every Veteran Counts,’” said Borland. “It’s our service to country, and courage to defend that country that makes us veterans. Every veteran from every war and conflict is important.”

Borland’s election as the VFW’s 114th Commander-in-Chief occurred at the conclusion of the organization’s 123rd national convention in Kansas City, Missouri. The gathering was the first full national convention since 2019. During his acceptance speech, Borland urged the members both attending in person and watching via live-streaming video, to welcome the new generation of veterans eligible for membership in the VFW, noting the significance of his election.

“There’s a new wave of veterans that have returned home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and they’re ready, willing and waiting to join our ranks. One of those veterans is standing right here behind this podium,” said Borland, referring to himself. “I am an Iraq War veteran and very proud to be the first as your Commander-in-Chief.”

VFW membership eligibility requires honorable service in a war or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. Borland served in the U.S. Army from 1979 to 2007, last serving with the 101st Airborne Division. He earned his VFW eligibility with service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and in defense of the Republic of Korea. In recognition of his military service and contributions during deployment, he received numerous decorations, to include four Meritorious Service Medals, four Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals, seven Good

Conduct Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, and four Overseas Service Ribbons. Among his many awards and achievements, he also earned the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, and a Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration from Touro University in Cypress, California.

Borland’s remarks struck a balance between embracing younger members taking leadership roles in the organization and honoring service and faithfulness of long-standing members of the VFW.

“It’s time for a new generation, but not forgetting the old. It’s time to pass the torch, but at the same time, remember and appreciate the torch being passed, and by whom,” said Borland. “You see comrades, brothers and sisters, every veteran in this room counts and so do the ones we still need to seek.”

He became a Life member of the VFW in 2000. He currently maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership at VFW Post 9972 in Sierra Vista, Arizona, 35 miles from his home in Benson, where he resides with his wife, Shannon. Borland has received 19 consecutive Century Awards for recruiting 100 or more comrades into the VFW. He has served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department levels, culminating with his election as the VFW Department of Arizona commander from 2011 to 2012, in which he earned the distinction of All-American commander status and received the distinguished Triple Crown Award. On the national level, Borland has served on several committees, including the National Council of Administration from 2012 to 2016, Vice Chairman of the National Legislative Committee from 2017 to 2018, Chairman of the National Programs Committee from 2018 to 2019, National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, Bylaws and Resolution Committee, Time and Place Committee, and numerous other committees. Borland is also a member of AMVETS, the American Legion, and is a life member of Disabled American Veterans.

“We will continue to recruit and mentor others to recruit,” said Borland. “Draw upon each other for ideas to help develop new strategies, new tactics, and unique ways of doing membership and programs.”

“So, put your recruiting and retention plans to work!” exclaimed Borland.

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Texas Veteran Becomes New VFW National Adjutant General



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 21, 2022) – Dan West was appointed the national adjutant general of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. on July 21, 2022, at the 123rd VFW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dan served in the United States Marine Corps from 1983 to 1994, serving in Operation Desert Storm.

He joined the VFW in 1996 at Post 3413 in San

Marcos, Texas, where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department Levels, culminating with his election as Department commander in 2015, in which he achieved Triple Crown All-American status.

Dan worked at the Department of Texas VFW for 15 years culminating the last three years as the state adjutant/quartermaster. On the national level, he has served as vice chair on the National Military Services and Iraq/Afghanistan Committees, as well as a member of the National Security and Foreign Affairs Committee, Veterans and Military Support Committee, served as Special Aide-de-Camp, and is a national certified recruiter. Dan recently served on the Council of Administration from 2018 to 2022.

He is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, and the Marine Corps League.

Dan and his wife Beth, reside in Texas.

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Post's Aluminum Tab Program still going strong

By Paul Chase

For more than six years Post 7589 Manassas, VA has been collecting aluminum can tabs from throughout Northern Virginia and VFW Posts throughout the country.

The tabs are given to the Manassas Shriners office which are bought by local metal recyclers. The proceeds go to the Shriners Hospital program to defray the costs of treating needy children and families with catastrophic medical costs.

To date more than three million tabs have been collected for this Post 7589 program which has now been made a permanent element of the Post 7589 community service program.



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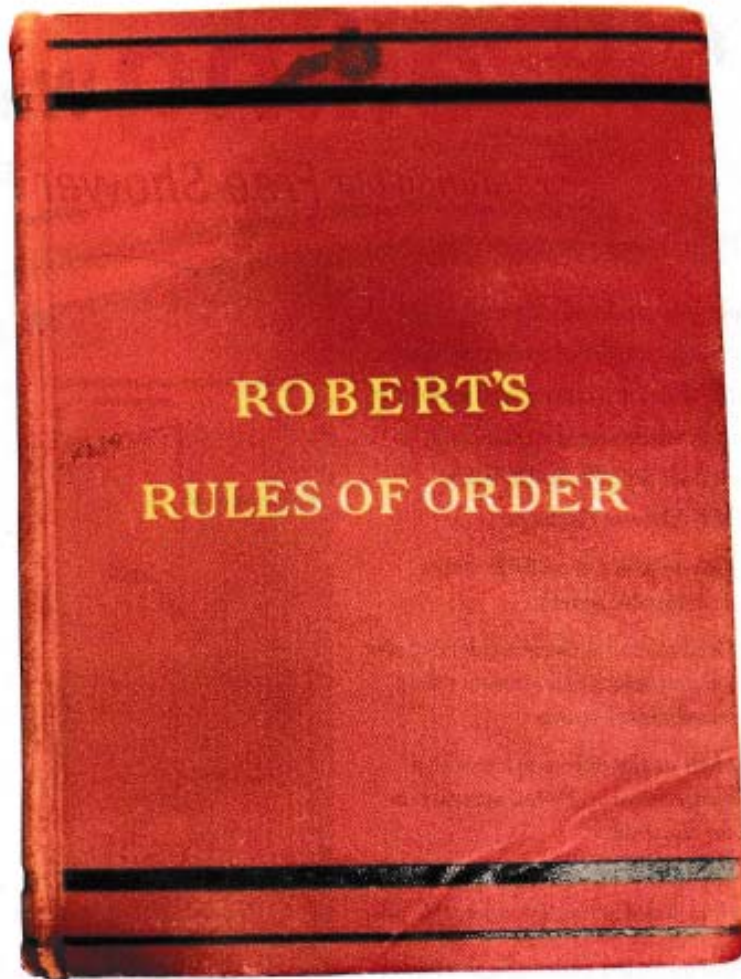
Paul and Joel Chase (right) along with the late Warren Ewell (2nd from left) founded the program in 2016. Also pictured: Post Commander Wayne Moore, Post Adjutant Ron Link and Quartermaster Rick Raskin on the occasion of the first 1,000,000 tab donation.

Robert and His Rules

Army officer created set of parliamentary procedures used by American Legion, other organizations.

BY DOUGLAS E. OSBORN

After presiding over a contentious public meeting at a church in New Bedford, Mass., Army engineering officer Henry Martyn Robert wrote his own manual on parliamentary procedure, now in its 12th edition.



Many organizations claim to use Robert's Rules of Order, but just as many either don't understand them or don't use them correctly. As a result, the world is filled with well-intentioned organizations where these rules are used improperly, irregularly or only partially. But where did these rules come from? Who invented Robert's Rules of Order? And what has their influence been over the past century?

The man behind the rules is Henry Martyn Robert. Born in South Carolina, Robert received his appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point when he was 16. In 1857, he graduated fourth in his class and was commissioned as a second lieutenant assigned to the Corps of

Engineers. When the Civil War began, Robert remained loyal to the United States. He helped plan defenses around Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia Harbor, and was subsequently promoted to first lieutenant. Soon thereafter he was transferred to New Bedford, Mass.

Robert was elected chairman of a public meeting at the First Baptist Church in New Bedford. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss harbor defense, but discussion devolved into disorderly chaos. Embarrassed by his lack of knowledge about how to run a meeting, Robert used this experience to begin collecting information about parliamentary procedure on note cards that he carried for several years.

Transferred to San Francisco, he was asked to take a leadership role at the First Baptist Church of California, and soon learned that people from various parts of the country had many different ideas of how a meeting should be run.

Recognizing a need for a general reference tool, Robert began to seriously research and study parliamentary law – the basic rules of order that originated in England. He researched both the historical and current rules to develop a set procedure that could be used by modern-day meetings. His research resulted in a short reference guide in 1869, created for himself and his friends to facilitate church meetings.

Robert's research continued into the spring of 1874, and although it was ready to go to press he couldn't find a publisher for his work. It was at this point, at the suggestion of his wife – who felt the rules might be too complex – that he added two new sections. The first section dealt with practical matters such as the scheduling of meetings and preparation of agendas. The second addressed legal rights of assemblies and the correct procedures for regulating behavior at meetings.

Once the manuscript was completed in 1875, Robert paid to have 4,000 unbound copies of "Rules of Order" typeset and printed by Burdick & Armitage, printers in Milwaukee. In early 1876, again with his own money, he paid publisher S.C. Griggs & Co. in Chicago to manage the sale and distribution of the "Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies."

Officially published on Feb. 19, 1876, 1,000 copies of the first edition were given free to civic leaders, educators, church groups and parliamentarians across the United States. That act helped create a tremendous demand, and the remaining 3,000 copies were sold out by May.

At the end of Robert's military career, on April 30, 1901, President William McKinley



Henry Martyn Robert Wikimedia Commons

rewarded him for his 44 years of service, promoting him to the rank of brigadier general and appointing him chief of the Corps of Engineers. Just two days later, on his birthday of May 2, he retired from the Army at 64.

Robert spent the rest of his life writing new rules and revising old ones, answering questions on points of order and accepting suggestions that were incorporated into the later editions of his book.

In 1915, "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised," featuring new material and a new copyright, was published. "Parliamentary Practice: An Introduction to Parliamentary Law" was published in 1921.

On May 11, 1923, Henry Martyn Robert died at 86 in Hornell, N.Y. The Robert family was active as the owner of the rules up through the sixth edition in 1951. They established the Council of the Robert's Rules Association, which currently owns the copyrights and continues to maintain the rules.

A quick internet search reveals more than 1.5 million nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. Robert's Rules of Order has withstood the test of time and is generally specified in the bylaws of most of these nonprofit organizations nationally as well as worldwide. In 2003, when the Hussein regime was toppled, the Iraqi Parliament was provided a translation to guide their new democracy. Today, government bodies, city and town councils, planning boards, school committees and every one of the more than 12,000 American Legion posts continue to rely on Robert's Rules of Order as the foundation for effective meetings. 🇺🇸

Douglas E. Osborn is a retired lieutenant colonel who served 25 years in the Army, with assignments to Turkey, Iraq, Afghanistan and the continental United States. He is a member of Stafford American Legion Post 290 in Virginia.

Legacy Life membership

This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are 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:

Annual Payouts:

<u>Levels</u>		<u>Posts</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>National</u>
Gold-	\$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

Member Incentives

	Bronze \$400	Silver \$800	Gold \$1200
Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card*	●	●	●
Lapel Pin*	●	●	●
Hat Pin*	●	●	●
Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life members*	●	●	●
Framed Legacy Life membership Certificate	●	●	●
Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	●	●	●
Special Legacy Life Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch*			●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza*			●
VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) *	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment: Department	\$6	\$12	\$18

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Text "VFW" to 50457

or

Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps



Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255

2022-23 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Bobby Knight
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Ron Knowles
1 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
2 Year Trustee	Dave Mattingly
3 Year Trustee	Chris Morgan
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Ron Link
Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem

2022-23 Auxiliary 7589 Officers

President	Mary Corkhill
Senior Vice President	Ellie Smith
Junior Vice President	Cindy McIntyre
Secretary	Ann Mitchell
Treasurer	Elanor Doczi
Chaplain	Cookie Cullen
Conductress	Janet Raskin
Guard	Patsy Gough
Trustee 1	Yvonne Sullivan
Trustee 2	Jan Germain
Trustee 3	Janet Raskin
Historians	Patsy Gough Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Lorri Allen Smith



The VFW National Home for Children



The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime **opportunity** for military and veteran related families.

If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

Most qualify to apply. Caring staff will help families to determine eligibility.

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August 8	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
August 20	District 8 School of Instruction & Meeting — Culpeper— 9:00 AM — Meeting follows SOI
September 10	10th annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ), Somerset County, PA
September 11	Flag retirement — 12:00 Noon
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 1	Manassas Fall Jubilee
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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