

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
September 2014



Steve Meade prepares trick-or-treat bags at a previous Manassas Fall Jubilee (See page 5)

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Auxiliary President's Report



I'm saddened to report our life member Mattie Parrish passed on September 19th. She was the sister of Francis Cannon (the Post namesake), the wife of the former Manassas City Mayor and former Virginia Delegate the late Harry J. Parrish, and mother of current Manassas City Mayor Harry "Hal" Parrish.

Please keep the Parrish family in your thoughts and prayers.

The not-for-profit Wreaths

Across America (WAA) organization has provided us the opportunity to again have a fundraiser for our organization's needs along with helping WAA gather sponsorships for wreaths. We are working to place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery. We ask for your support because this is a major fundraiser for us. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. Sponsorship forms can be printed from our website at www.vfw7589.org or contact Ginger Harvey at 571-641-5350 or gch1130@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 24th.

The schedule for the next two months is as follows:

- Sept 8 Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:30pm (Inspection)
- Sept 11 9/11 Memorial Buddy Poppy - Distribution to public
- Sept 12 Set-up for Yard Sale for Youth Committee 4-7
- Sept 13 Youth Committee Yard Sale - 7-2
- Sept 18 Youth Committee Mtg - 7 pm - Post
- Sept 19 POW/MIA Ceremony - 5 pm - Manassas Veterans Memorial
- Sept 20 Department Council of Administration (Charlottesville) 9am
- Oct 4 Annual Fall Jubilee - 10am - 5pm (Post & Auxiliary will attend)
- Oct 6 Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
- Oct 16 Youth Committee Meeting - 7pm
- Oct 17 Auxiliary Yard Sale Setup - 4 pm to 7 pm
- Oct 18 Auxiliary Yard Sale - 7 am to 2 pm
- Oct 25 Celebrating America's Freedom/Ft McHenry, Baltimore, MD
- Oct 28-30 National President's visit (Northern Virginia Area)

Due to Labor Day on Monday, September 1st, the Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be the following Monday, September 8th 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 13th from 7am-2pm. Donations for the Yard Sale can be delivered to the Post on Friday, September 12th between 6pm - 9pm.

On Saturday, October 5th, from 10:00am - 5:00pm, the Comrades and the Ladies Auxiliary will again be participating in the Manassas Fall Jubilee. As in years past, this annual event gives us the opportunity to meet and greet the public and pass out information about our organization and programs. We will have some freebies and will be running a raffle. Please contact me 703/361-8950 or mcorkhill@comcast.net to let me know your availability to assist in helping at the booth.

The National Home for Children provides housing and support services to struggling military and veteran families from across the nation at their 70-acre campus village in southern Michigan. In order to assist the VFW National Home for Children, we are collecting Campbell's soup labels. We are also happy to receive any labels from the public. Please bring the labels to the Post.

For individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, you are in our prayers.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Ladies Auxiliary President



Youth News and Notes

By Pete MacLeod—Youth Committee Chair



The Post 7589/Ladies Auxiliary Youth Committee is happy to announce that Ms. Toni Elgart, Deputy City Clerk of the city of Manassas, will be our main speaker at the Essay Awards and Teachers of the Year ceremony on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 pm at the Post. With the help and “scouting” of Commander Ron Link we went over to see Ms. Elgart and she accepted our invitation to speak. Ms. Elgart is an especially good choice because she won the Voice of Democracy first place award in Wilmington, Delaware in 1964 and the topic that year was, “What Democracy Means to Me.” Her daughter is also a former VOD winner. We look forward to the ceremony in December.

Here is the list of schools that are aboard for Voice of Democracy, Patriot’s Pen and Teacher of the Year so far this school year: Seton School, Manassas Christian School, Parkside Middle School, Brentsville High School, and Nokesville School. We are working hard with the administration at Metz Middle School to get them to participate. We have several other schools we are also working with and we expect some home-schooled students to enter the contests.

The Youth Yard Sale is set for Saturday, Sept. 13 from 7am to 2pm at the Post. This yard sale is a major vehicle for raising money for our essay contest prize fund. It is very important that we raise a certain amount of

money here. We are badly in need of items to sell. If you can contribute any item, no matter how small, it would be greatly appreciated. Former Post 7589 Trustee David Crowder has moved to Florida and he was a major source of second hand power tools and hand tools that brought in a lot of interest and buyers. There is a gap to be filled. Please think about it! If you can help please bring your items to the Post during set up time from 4pm to 10pm on Friday, Sept. 12. If you can’t make it then, please call me anytime at 703 220-4545 or contact Mary Corkhill or Robert Punihaole or call the Post at 703-361-5554 and we will arrange to have your items picked up. Thanks for your support!

2014 Voice of Democracy Theme

“Why Veterans Are Important To Our Nation’s History And Future.”

2014 Patriot’s Pen theme

“Why I Appreciate America’s Veterans.”



VFW POST 7589 GIANT YARD SALE
SAT., SEPT 13, 2014
7AM – 2PM AT THE POST
9304 CENTREVILLE RD, (RT. 28)
MANASSAS

Service Officer's Report



Veterans Day 2014 is just 10 weeks away. Though this is the most important day of the year honoring our nation's heroes, is not the only day we do so. Each day across our great nation we have those who work, those who volunteer and those who give of themselves to help others both veterans and non-veterans alike.

We have a nation of heroes who give of time from their daily lives to help veterans and others in need. We honor all of them in our daily service to others. How do we impact others in our daily lives? Do we just talk, or do we take action? Do we say we do, or do we act?

Please think about this as you go through your daily life. Can you assist someone in need — perhaps your neighbor, your community, maybe that family down the street or that volunteer organization around the block and maybe a veterans service organization that is dedicated to helping your local veterans in need.

They are there — always. If not us, then another volunteer organization in your area. Everything you do to help others not only helps them but also helps yourself. Please take a moment and reach out to someone in need today.

Our Veterans Service Officer team works hard to bring all the resources that we can to assist our Post and all veterans we can.

We would like to add to our Team. If you would like to join us please feel free to reach out and let us know you would like to become a Service Officer. We will provide free training and also you will get to meet lots of interesting people.

It is a great experience when you get to work with and help veterans from the Prince William County region with their VA claims, housing needs, vocational rehabilitation, benefits and provide much needed help to those in need. Please think about it!

Please feel free to contact our Service Officer Team at any time for questions, suggestions or other needs you may have at: so7589@verizon.net or call us at 1-703-659-0849 or just pull one of us aside and give a suggestion of a service that we can provide.

Our number one goal is providing the best service to our veterans and their families.

Please do not hesitate to speak with me or our second service officer, Steve Meade, and find out just what we can do for you!

Stephen Meade 1-703-408-0875
Email: SO2-7589@hotmail.com

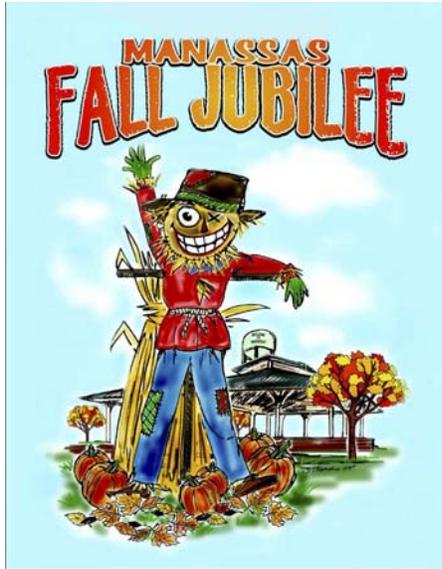
Our goal is simple here. We want to take care of all our veterans with the greatest level of service that our resources will allow. Thank you for your service!

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



OCTOBER 4, 2014
OLD TOWN MANASSAS
10 am—5 pm

The Post and the Auxiliary will have booths.

- * Come and join us help hand out our ever popular Trick or Treat bags.
- * Help us recruit new members
- * Meet and greet our community
- * Have a generally good time

Sign up at the Post meeting on September 8.

Aluminum Tab Collection Program Update

The current count exceeds 80,000

Every tab helps!



Did you know?

- Each tab weighs approximately 1/4 gram
- 112 tabs = 1 oz
- 1792 = 1 lb.
- That's over 4 1/2 pounds of aluminum donated so far



September 13: Youth Committee

October 18: Ladies Auxiliary

Manassas Ballet is offering free tickets to "all military and veterans" for the November 7 performance of "Colin"

The Manassas Ballet is offering free tickets to "all military and veterans" for the opening performance of "Colin" on Friday, Nov 7.

TICKETS: at www.hyltoncenter.org
or 888-945-2468
\$45, \$35, \$25, \$15
(regular prices)
www.manassasballet.org
for information

This poignant ballet tells the very personal story of Colin J. Wolfe, the Marine son of Manassas Ballet Theatre's artistic director, Amy Grant Wolfe, who lost his life in Iraq.

After receiving much acclaim and national media attention with her original one act ballet, Colin debuts as an evening-length ballet accompanied by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra.

Tickets for all military and veterans are free on opening night (Friday, Nov 7); accompanying tickets are 20% off. For the Saturday and Sunday shows, military and veterans are 20% off.

Friday, November 7 -- 7:30pm
Saturday, November 8 -- 7:30pm
Sunday, November 9 -- 3:00pm



HELP WANTED

We need two more volunteers at Bingo on Wednesday mornings.

Duties include calling back winning numbers and delivering payouts to winners.

Our staff is doing double duty and could sure use some additional help.

Just come in Wednesday morning

No resume or interview required
Training provided
Free snacks

VA Releases IG Report

The Department of Veterans' Affairs Inspector General's office released their final report after months of investigating wrongdoing at the Phoenix Hospital system. The investigation reviewed the care of over 3,400 patients and included interviews with 79 employees. Issues identified poor quality of care and inappropriate scheduling practices which were shown to be systemic nationwide.

It also concluded that VHA missed opportunities to hold senior and field faculty leadership responsible and accountable for implementing proper action and compliance standards with regards to scheduling procedures. The final report and its 24 recommendations can be found here: <http://www.va.gov/oig/pubs/VAOIG-14-02603-267.pdf>

VA Launches Updated GI Bill Comparison Tool

This week VA launched a new version of its GI Bill Comparison Tool, with new features that will allow veterans to estimate the actual cost of attendance for potential schools and compare new veteran-specific school characteristics, such as whether or not a school offers an organized student veteran group. Your VFW played a key role in commissioning the GI Bill Comparison Tool earlier this year, and VFW advocates also worked closely with VA on the improvements rolled out earlier this

week. To learn more about the updated GI Bill Comparison Tool, click here: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2615> To try out the GI Bill Comparison Tool for yourself, click here: <http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>

Subscription dues renewal notices are in the mail

Annual members are encouraged to renew their membership early

The first mailed dues renewal notice for the 2014-2015 membership year, mailing to all members whom expire December 31 - January 31, was mailed on July 18th and should have arrived in your members mailboxes on or before September 1st. Under subscription dues, monthly renewal notices will continue indefinitely.

Renewal Notice Received on:	5 Month Renewal Recipients	3 Month Renewal Recipients	1 Month Renewal Recipients	1 Month Lapsed Recipients	3 Month Lapsed Recipients	5 Month Lapsed Recipients
8/1/2014	*Dec. 31 - Jan. 31	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
9/1/2014	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10/1/2014	Mar. 1 - Mar. 31	Dec. 31 - Jan. 31	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
11/1/2014	Apr. 1 - Apr. 30	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
12/1/2014	May 1 - May 31	Mar. 1 - Mar. 31	Dec. 31 - Jan. 31	n/a	n/a	n/a
1/1/2015	June 1 - June 30	Apr. 1 - Apr. 30	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28	n/a	n/a	n/a
2/1/2015	July 1 - July 31	May 1 - May 31	Mar. 1 - Mar. 31	Dec. 31 - Jan. 31	n/a	n/a
3/1/2015	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31	June 1 - June 30	Apr. 1 - Apr. 30	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28	n/a	n/a
4/1/2015	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30	July 1 - July 31	May 1 - May 31	Mar. 1 - Mar. 31	Dec. 31 - Jan. 31	n/a
5/1/2015	Oct. 1 - Oct. 31	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31	June 1 - June 30	Apr. 1 - Apr. 30	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28	n/a
6/1/2015	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30	July 1 - July 31	May 1 - May 31	Mar. 1 - Mar. 31	Dec. 31 - Jan. 31
7/1/2015	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31	Oct. 1 - Oct. 31	Aug. 1 - Aug. 31	June 1 - June 30	Apr. 1 - Apr. 30	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28
8/1/2015	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	Nov. 1 - Nov. 30	Sept. 1 - Sept. 30	July 1 - July 31	May 1 - May 31	Mar. 1 - Mar. 31
Received Dates	Subscription End Dates					

*The December 31st and January groups will be combined this year.



CONGREGATION NER SHALOM
14010 Spriggs Road, Woodbridge, VA 22193

PATRIOT'S DAY SHABBAT SERVICE
Friday, September 12th, 7:30pm.



Congregation Ner Shalom of Woodbridge, Virginia, the only Jewish congregation in Prince William County, cordially invites you to our Patriot's Day Service.

We wish to honor our community's First Responders, Military and Law Enforcement. We would like to thank you for your dedication and commitment to Prince William County residents.

YOU ARE OUR LOCAL HEROES!

We hope you can join us this special evening, Friday, September 12th, at 7:30 pm. We would like to have members from your department attend, so you can be recognized for what you do every day.

All are welcome to wear your identifying duty crew or dress uniform.

Please share our invitation in your company's newsletter or post.

Bless you for your service and sacrifice.

Send email: Responses not required, but appreciated for planning.

MILITARY:	Kay Shain - markwsha@mac.com
FIREFIGHTER & EMS:	Stacy Hart - stacy.hart@comcast.net
LAW ENFORCEMENT & Others:	Addie Payne - addiepayne@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

- Sept 8 **General Membership Meeting -- 1930 (In lieu of Labor Day)**
- Sept 11 **Auxiliary—9/11 Memorial Buddy Poppy distribution**
- Sept 13 **Youth Committee Yard Sale**
- Sept 18 **Youth Committee Meeting -- 1900**
- Sept 19 **POW/MIA Ceremony -- Manassas Veterans Memorial -- 1700**
- Sept 20 **Auxiliary—Department Council of Administration (Charlottesville) — 0900**
- Oct 4 **Manassas Fall Jubilee**
- Oct 6 **General Membership Meeting -- 1930**
- Oct 16 **Youth Committee Meeting -- 1900**
- Oct 18 **Ladies Auxiliary Yard Sale**
- Oct 26—30 **Auxiliary — National President's visit to Northern Virginia**
- Nov 3 **General Membership Meeting -- 1930**
- Nov 8 - 11 **Veteran's Day Weekend: Manassas Veteran's Parade, Buddy Poppies and Ceremonies**
- Nov 22 **District 8 Meeting - Post 7728 - Rt. 17 & Rt. 836, Morrisville -- 1300**
- Dec 1 **General Membership Meeting -- 1930**
- Dec 7 **Pearl Harbor Day
Education Awards -- 1400**



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P.O. Box 10206

Manassas, VA 20108



Tax ID 20-8362270

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: (To receive our FREE email newsletter) _____

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual= 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Family= 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business= 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate= 100 Wreaths or more	\$15.00 each wreath		
		Grand Total	

****SORRY - WE CANNOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****

Sponsoring Group ID Number: VA0040P
 Cemetery Designation: Quantico National Cemetery
 Cemetery ID Number: VAQNCT

Please make checks payable to:
 Wreaths Across America TM
Mail to:
 PO Box 249
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623
 Questions? Please call 877-385-9504

Cut-Off Date is November 24, 2014
*WAA ceremony will take place at Quantico National Cemetery on
 Saturday, December 13 at 12 Noon.*

Thank you for your Sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals pur-



SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

Wreaths Across America carries out its mission **REMEMBER** the fallen, **HONOR** those that serve and **TEACH** our children the value of **FREE-DOM** in part by placing wreaths on veterans graves during the holiday season.

The **Francis Cannon Ladies 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**.

On **Saturday, December 13, 2014**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 741 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 Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589 directly so we may continue to assist veterans and families as well as our community.

PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 12 Noon at Quantico National Cemetery. This is a moving experience that you should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help our local heroes will be remembered this Holiday Season. **How many sponsorships can we count on you for?**