

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
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VFW FACEBOOK

Newly elected Commander in Chief Fritz Mihelcic addresses the VFW National convention on August 3

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**Due to Labor Day the September Post meeting will be on September 13**

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## Commander's Message



**Wayne Moore**

### September 11, 2001, approaches its' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Memorializing 9/11. What lessons have we learned, or has America stayed true to form, and only those whose lives were affected still live with the aftermath, learned, and remembered? We came together as a nation of common cause; where is that nation today.

*On that day, terrorists killed nearly 3,000 people in attacks against the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and on Flight 93.*

The fight brought to our door presumed to changed mindsets. No longer did we perceive a world mainly at peace following the end of the Cold War. Instead, evil came and found us.

Only those in woken slumber were surprised that terrorists or anyone would audaciously challenge the United States at home. The warning signs had been there for years. Attacks on The World Trade Center in 1993 and U.S. embassies and military assets overseas not seen as not friendly.

Knowledge about some of the 9/11 hijackers and their activities existed in our intelligence. The Taliban controlled Afghanistan and gave haven to Al-Qaeda while driving the country into poverty, violence, and religious persecution. None of this was a revelation!

Since then, the way we combat terrorism changed if for the better, more bureaucratic. The government has invested significantly in intelligence programs to find and stop terrorists, both at home and abroad. We've created new government agencies—most notably the Department of Homeland Security—to carry out various security functions.

Twenty years removed from 9/11 and two wars that devastated two countries caused countless loss of lives and pain to families worldwide. We had January 6! I'll always caveat my following statement simply by saying I care not which side of the aisle anyone chooses to stand. However, I firmly believe anyone who took the oath to defend this country and continued to do so was wrong to enter the Capitol.

*Two lessons stand out above the rest: Law enforcement and intelligence agencies must work together to thwart terror at home, and we must deny safe spaces to terrorists abroad.*

Yet over time, there is a tendency to forget these lessons or enforce accountability. Those of us who held positions of responsibility in the military understood; we had no control over individual thinking but holding them accountable for bad behavior proved an excellent deterrent.

The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Forces have effectively conducted investigations and arrests of terrorists ready to harm.

*(See Commander on page 3)*

## Auxiliary President



**Mary Corkhill**



On September 11, Patriot Day, gives all of us time to reflect on the devastating terror attacks that took nearly 3,000 lives.

We commemorate those who we lost and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line. Take a moment today to consider what we stand for as a nation and how we can work together to make the world a better place for all.



The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families. This year it is September 17<sup>th</sup>.



Jean Hamil of Orlando, Florida, was elected to the office of National President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States Auxiliary at its 108th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. A Life Member of East Seminole County Auxiliary 10139, she joined on the eligibility of her father, George W. Nunery, a Korean War veteran. She has served the Auxiliary in several capacities including Auxiliary, District and Department (state). Jean is a Life Member of the VFW National Home for Children and a member of the Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary (MOCA).

The VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters is requesting that every member go online and update or make sure your personal information is correct. It's that time of year when we are requesting the annual members to pay their dues of \$20.00 for 2022. All you have to do is log into the National website, <https://vfwauxiliary.org/>, under MALTA Member Login and pay your dues. If you do not have access to the internet or you need assistance, please let our Auxiliary Treasurer, Elanor Doczi (571/330-5457) or me (703/361-8950) know and we will assist you. Thank you in advance.



The Auxiliary is in the process of passing out the National VFW Auxiliary's symbol the Blue Teardrop for the Military Suicide Awareness. The blue teardrop is the VFW Auxiliary's symbol that we can use to open a conversation to give this issue the attention it so desperately needs. The Veterans Crisis Line is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. If you know anyone who needs assistance, please have them call the Crisis Line at 1- 800-273 - 8255 press 1, a text can be sent to 838255 or website [www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net) and someone will assist them.

Again, as in years past, we are requesting your support and participation in our annual fundraiser with the assistance from the not-for profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) organiza-

*(See Auxiliary on page 3)*

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The establishment of these forces functions properly when laws support and politics do not dictate.

Once again, Afghanistan, the Taliban, and terrorists are headline discussions. But, as we remember those whose lives were abruptly cut short, please realize the humanity of the situation at hand: the unknown human and economic cost.

Whenever a few are deciding the fate of many, human fears and self-preservation are influenced by our bias.

*Excerpts taken from:*

“We Must Never Forget 9/11 or the Lessons We Learned From It”

By: David Inserra

[www.heritage.org/terrorism/commentary/we-must-never-forget-911-or-the-lessons-we-learned-it](http://www.heritage.org/terrorism/commentary/we-must-never-forget-911-or-the-lessons-we-learned-it)

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tion. This fundraiser provides us the opportunity to raise funds for our organization's needs. We will be placing wreaths on the veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery on Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath and forms are attached to this newsletter or can be printed from our website at [www.vfw7589.org](http://www.vfw7589.org). You can also contact Mary Corkhill at 703/571-2629 or [mcorkhill@comcast.net](mailto:mcorkhill@comcast.net). To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/> and remember to include our Sponsoring Group ID No. **VA0040P** and Cemetery ID No. **VAQNCT**. The **DEADLINE** is November 30, 2021.



The mission of the VFW National Home for Children is to provide families of veterans, active-duty military and members of the VFW and Auxiliary opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community. "Today's families face different challenges - reintegration, post-traumatic stress, high unemployment and rehabilitation from battlefield injuries, among others -- and the National Home has evolved over our decades-long history to meet those changing needs." If you wish to become a Life Member, please forward your application and \$50.00 to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327.

Any individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, you are in our prayers. We want to see you on the road to recovery very soon.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill  
Auxiliary President



## VFW Expresses Condolences, Frustration Over Operations in Afghanistan

*The following is a message from VFW National Commander Fritz Mihelcic*

On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we are saddened and angered at hearing the news of the tragic loss of American and Afghan lives in the cowardly attack outside of Kabul airport [on August 26]. So far, twelve U.S. service members died and fifteen were wounded standing up for one of the most fundamental principles of our military - 'leave no one behind.' They were deployed with the urgent mission of bringing home American citizens and offering safe passage to our Afghan allies in one of the most dangerous areas on earth, during one of the largest evacuations in human history. We honor the sacrifices of our comrades and send our prayers and condolences to the Gold Star families and the Afghan families alike grieving their loved ones lost in this reprehensible act of terrorism.

While we have all watched the collapse of Afghanistan in bewilderment, we can no longer hold back our frustrations over the dire situation our U.S. service members, U.S. citizens, Afghan and NATO allies are currently in. How is it that we placed our trust, the security of our operations and the lives of our nation's sons and daughters in the hands of the violent extremists we have been fighting against for the past twenty years? It is understandable an evacuation of this magnitude, under these circumstances, on this timeline would have some significant challenges, but this cannot be what right looks like.

We firmly believe in leaving the politics to the politicians, but the time for Congress to act, and act decisively, is now. We demand Congress follow through with investigating what led us to this point and bring forth swift answers to the public. We deserve to know, and our leaders owe those answers not only to the American people who elected them to office, but also to the families who are searching for some solace as they mourn the flag-draped coffins returning from Afghanistan.

To our brave men and women, thank you for everything you are doing on behalf of our nation. Continue to look out for one another and stay focused on your mission. We have your backs here at home.

## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone has had a pleasant and enjoyable summer as we return to our fall schedule of events. We held our last meeting on 19 August at the Post. Our regular attendees were Alex and Tina Bliem, Peter MacLeod and myself from the VFW and President Mary Corkhill from the Auxiliary. The two main topics of discussion were the 9/11 Flag Retirement Ceremony and the Youth and Teacher contests.

It was decided this year to combine the Post 9/11 Flag Retirement Ceremony with a Pizza Party immediately after the ceremony in recognition of our hard working Scouts. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for this outdoor event. This year 9/11 falls on a Saturday. Setup for this Post event is at 9:30 AM and the flag retirement begins at 10:00 AM. We anticipate concluding at about noon leaving about an hour for our pizza luncheon. The event will be primarily conducted by Scouts from Troops and Pack 1372, our Post sponsored Scout unit, and will also include Scouts from neighboring Troops and Cub Scout Packs. We are also inviting representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution to this solemn ceremony. The pizza luncheon is being sponsored by the Post Auxiliary. We are always enthusiastic about this event and hope you can join us to participate even if it's just for part of the ceremony. The Scouts do a spectacular job with this every year. It is scripted, produced very well and is quite an impressive ceremony. Please let me know if you are attending, for planning purposes. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Post sign restoration project was discussed again at this meeting. Arrangements are still being made with Troops and Pack 1372 for our Scout project. Our intention is to restore the VFW Post 7589 sign in front of our facility and our Scout unit has volunteered to provide the workers required for this job. The sign requires scraping, sanding and painting along with the application of new decals. There is some wood rot which must be addressed as well. We anticipate this project will require several weeks and multiple work crews to complete and will commence sometime in the next month or two. I'll keep you posted on our progress in the monthly newsletter. As always, if anyone is interested in participating in this project with our Scouts please let me or anyone else on the Youth Committee know.

Now is the time for our student essay and teacher contests to get underway since our students and teachers have returned to school. Our Post historically has always had a very strong youth program and are well represented in the District and Department with our Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year participants and winners. This year should be no exception thanks to the hard work of the members of our Youth Committee as well as a few behind the scenes individuals such as my wife Francine and my office manager Jennifer Little Torres, both of

whom are Auxiliary members as well. Serious volunteerism from these individuals combined with early planning and efficient use of our resources will ensure that we have another successful year at all levels of the competitions.

We are currently contacting over 27 schools as well as home school organizations for recruitment purposes for our contests. We welcome any help VFW and Auxiliary members can provide the Youth Committee with our contests. This includes making school contacts for us for student and teacher participation to ultimately judging essays and presenting awards.

The contest season takes several months if you take into account we have to judge students and teachers at three different levels and then present awards to all our winners. The first serious deadline to be aware of is 31 October which is the Post deadline for our student essay and Teacher of the Year contests. Again this year's theme for Patriot's Pen is "**How Can I Be a Good American?**" and for Voice of Democracy "**America: Where Do We Go From Here?**" We have plenty of applications on hand if you need any or you can download them from the VFW website.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 16 September at the Post at 7:00 PM. I hope to see you all there. In the meantime stay safe and healthy.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair

The 2021-22 Voice of Democracy  
theme is:

***America: Where Do We Go  
From Here?***

The 2021-22 Patriots Pen theme is:

***How Can I Be a  
Good American?***



Out and About



DAVE MATTINGLY / POST 7589

Comrade Bill Pulsipher was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on August 4. Several Post 7589 members attended.



BILL WILLIAMS / TROOP 1372

Post & Auxiliary members who attended Joseph Bliem's Eagle Court of Honor on August 14.



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

Eagle Scout Meghan Staton received District & Post awards on August 8. Pictured District 8 Commander Jeff Dombroff and Post Youth Committee chair Lou Filippone



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

On his last official day in office Commander in Chief Hal Roesch swears in two Georgia State Troopers as life members of the VFW. See more convention pictures on page 7.



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill presents Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore with a gift from the Auxiliary for his service as Post Commander.



TONY LUNN / POST 9835

Six District 8 commanders attended the August 21 District 8 meeting in Culpeper. L-R: Rick Raskin (2010-2014), Stan Hunter (2014-2015), Ron Link (2015-2018), Jeff Dombroff (current), Geoff Lyster (2018-2019) and Charles Bush (2019-2021)

# Post 7589 celebrates 75 years

By Rick Raskin & Wayne Moore



War has always been an unforgettable experience and the WWII veterans of Manassas felt a need to continue their comradeship, goal-oriented spirit and sense of community that are the bedrock of the VFW. The result was the establishment of Post

7589 on June 6, 1946. There were 27 charter members, the first Commander being John Gregory.

There was agreement among the founders that the namesake for the new Post should be Francis H. Cannon from Manassas who enlisted in the Army and was the first resident of the city to be killed in the War. He and his family were well known in the city of Manassas. He was killed on June 30, 1944, at the Battle of Saipan.

In a courageous and foresighted move the Post leadership purchased the current Post facility for \$40,000. The building now stands as a centerpiece of VFW activities in Manassas. Its current assessed value is nearly \$1 million.

The first Vietnam Veteran elected as Commander was Jerry Martin a decorated combat veteran with strong connections to the leadership of the community.

The first Desert Storm Veteran elected as Post Commander – Stephen Mires was followed by Ron Link, another Desert Storm Veteran.

Post 7589 members have gone on to fill District and Department offices, with Rick Raskin becoming State Commander in the 2019-20 year.

On August 7 the Post held a 75th anniversary celebration which was well attended. A highlight was the symbolic burning of the mortgage which was paid off in June. The \$100,000 mortgage was taken out to remodel the Post home and make it more accessible and rental attractive.

Post 7589 continues to be an asset in the community and is growing in membership. At over 500 members the Post is investing in the future by recruiting younger members and encouraging them to become active in our programs.



PAUL CHASE / POST 7589

**QM Rick Raskin and Commander Wayne Moore burn the mortgage**



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

**Chaplain Ron Knowles conducts grace prior to the meal**



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

**Lou Filippone, Pete MacLeod, Brad Bradshaw and Wayne Moore**



National Convention — Kansas City, Mo. July 31—August 4



State Line Officers "Butch's Pumpkins"



State Service Officer *Bobbi* Lazo recognized for her contributions to veterans aid



Rick Raskin recognized for achieving All-American State Commander in 2019-20



Commander in Chief Hal Roesch



Dan Boyer (Independence Va. Post 7726) receives his Triple Crown award for achieving All-American Commander at the Post, District and State levels



The Virginia Auxiliary's "Circle of Excellence"



Virginia's 2020-21 All-American Commanders



State Commander Butch Schupka with the National Home's Buddy Poppy Child

## NEARLY 75 YEARS OF FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAM



EMILY JENNINGS / CULPEPERR STAR EXPONENT

Culpeper VFW Post 2524 Commander Keith Price eyes some of the medical equipment loaned by the veteran's group, including hospital beds

## Culpeper vets loan range of medical equipment

**VFW's effort started with two pairs of wooden crutches in 1947, now fills two warehouses**

BY EMILY JENNINGS  
CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT

For nearly three quarters of a century, a quiet but critical service operated in Culpeper, blessing countless lives.

It began in 1947, when a local World War II veteran needed some crutches and approached the Burton-Hammond Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2524 for help.

The VFW's Culpeper chapter found two pairs of wooden crutches for the vet. Chartered in 1932 by 22 World War I veterans, the post saw a greater need and began collecting used medical equipment, donated by Culpeper residents, to lend out.

Now, 74 years later, two warehouses beside the Burton-Hammond post on Sperryville Pike are filled with not only crutches, but walkers, canes, rollators, knee scooters, bedpans, bedside commodes, transfer chairs and hospital beds, among other items.

"We often get people thanking us who say they don't know what

they would have done without our help," said post member Perry Smiley, who coordinates the program. "Some of this stuff can cost a lot, even with insurance. Sometimes, insurance doesn't cover it at all."

Over the past year, the post loaned an estimated \$87,000 worth of medical gear. In July alone, the items handed out were valued at \$7,300.

"We don't charge anybody anything," Smiley said. "There's no money involved, we don't do anything with insurance. We just keep track for our own records about how much is donated and used."

Smiley, a retired Marine, has been involved with the effort for at least 20 years. Before him, well-known Culpeper resident Claude Guinn administered the program for decades.

"Initially, it was a service just for veterans, but we have so much now it's open to anybody—we put no restrictions on it at all," Smiley said. "Thanks to local thrift shops and the citizens of this county and their donations, we've been able to help a lot of people."



EMILY JENNINGS / CULPEPERR STAR EXPONENT

Culpeper's Burton-Hammond VFW Post 2524 medical equipment loan program, started in 1947, now includes two warehouses full of walkers, wheelchairs and other items.

Full Circle Thrift Store and the Culpeper Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop are primary sources of donations, as well as local residents who contribute equipment they no longer need.

Smiley estimates he gets a half dozen calls every week offering donations, and about the same number of folks call to use something from the VFW collection.

"People sometimes call from as far away as Charlottesville or Norfolk, from all over the state, who need something and have heard about our program," he said.

The way it usually works is Smiley will get a request, and he puts that person's name on a piece of equipment and leaves it out for them to pick up when it's convenient. When they're done with it, the item will appear again in the same spot.

"I usually don't even see the person," he said. "Sometimes the



equipment never comes back, but most of the time it does.”

Post volunteers thoroughly clean and sanitize each item before it is loaned out again, Smiley said.

Several years ago, Reva resident Laura Hoffman, now deceased, was facing health problems that limited her ability to move around on her own.

“She broke her hip in 2019,” Florence Williams, Hoffman’s daughter, told the Star-Exponent. “She didn’t want to go to a home—she wanted to be independent. But we needed a hospital bed to take care of her.”

Williams knew who to call. Years before, she had heard of the Culpeper VFW program and borrowed a hospital bed in 2000 for her 94-year-old father.

Once again, her family was able to tap the VFW program, this time for Williams’ mother, who used the hospital bed free of charge for nearly two years. Hoffman, at age 108, died in November 2020.

“I’m very grateful; I’d like to really thank (the VFW) for the support they’ve given us,” Williams said. “Thanks to them, we didn’t have to spend money on a hospital bed. Instead, we could use that money on other important things. They are truly a blessing to this community.”

From Warrenton, VFW District 8 Commander Jeff Dombroff said that although many local posts will try to help members find needed medical equipment, Culpeper’s program goes far beyond

the basics.

“Culpeper is very remarkable in its scope—they could almost call themselves the Culpeper Medical Supply Company,” Dombroff said in an interview. “To my knowledge, their program is unique, and it’s been going on for a very long time. They have really extraordinary equipment, and all people have to do is ask.”

Central Virginia’s District 8 includes six local VFW posts.

If anyone in the community has an item to donate, call the VFW at 540/825-1910 or VFW Post 2524 Commander Keith Price at 540/729-5255.

Needed most, Smiley said, are wheelchairs, rollators and knee scooters.

“We only have four knee scooters; those I really do need to get back,” he said. “During the month of July, I checked out eight wheelchairs, so that’s another one I especially need to keep in stock.”

Smiley said he keeps a few items in his own garage so they’re handy in case he needs to deliver them to someone who calls him from Culpeper Medical Center, since he lives only a few blocks away.

“I just want people to know about the program, that these items are available, and they can get it at a moment’s notice,” he said.

The Culpeper’s Burton-Hammond VFW Post 2524 meets at 7:30 p.m. every first Thursday at 12210 Sperryville Pike in Culpeper.



EMILY JENNINGS / CULPEPERR STAR EXPONENT

VFW Post 2524 Commander Keith Price displays a vintage wheelchair donated years ago that could serve as a symbol for the local veterans’ medical loan program. He estimates it is at least 75 years old, perhaps older.



EMILY JENNINGS / CULPEPERR STAR EXPONENT

A monument displaying military veteran’s dog tags stands outside Culpeper’s Burton Hammond VFW Post 2524 on Sperryville Pike.

*Note: Due to our limited storage capacity Post 7589 periodically donates excess medical equipment to the Culpeper program.*

## 10 Ways to Protect Your Personal Information

By Darlynda Bogle

Acting Deputy Commissioner for Communications  
Social Security Administration



Fraudsters don't go on vacation—so it's necessary for you and your loved ones to stay vigilant year round. Identity theft affects millions of people each year and can cause serious financial and identity-related issues. Protect yourself by securing your personal information, understanding the threat of identity theft, and exercising caution. We have a list of 10

things you can start doing now to protect yourself and your loved ones.

1. Don't believe calls, emails, texts, or any message that say you need to immediately pay to resolve a **problem**, such as legal trouble with the government or a virus on your computer, or even to collect a **prize**, like lottery or sweepstakes winnings. Legitimate businesses will not force you to make a payment over the phone as the *only* option, and will not require payment by prepaid debit card, gift card, Internet currency, or by mailing cash.
2. Protect your Social Security number by keeping your card in a safe place at home. Don't carry it around with you or provide your number unnecessarily.
3. Be careful when you speak with unknown callers. Scammers may use legitimate phone numbers or the real names of officials to mislead you. If they threaten you or make you feel

scared, hang up.

4. Never give out your personal or financial information in response to an unsolicited call or message. And don't post it on social media.
5. Shred paper that contains personal information, such as your name, birth date, and Social Security number.
6. Regularly check your financial accounts for suspicious transactions.

Request and check a free credit report from each of the three credit bureaus every year: TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian.

8. Install and maintain strong anti-virus software on all your devices—including your smartphone, personal computer, and tablet. Don't fall for tech support scams, including pop-up warnings. If you need help fixing a problem on your computer, take it to someone you know and trust.

9. Create strong passwords so others can't easily access your accounts. Use different passwords for different accounts so if a hacker compromises one account, they can't access other accounts. Check out the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) password checklist for tips at <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/password-checklist>

10. Never click on a link sent in an unsolicited email or text message—type in the web address yourself. Only provide information on secure websites.

Stay smart. Stop scams.

Contact Social Security if you find suspicious work activity on your record—you could be a victim of identity theft. You can find more information and report identity theft to the FTC on their Identity Theft website at <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>.

Please share this information with your family and friends—and post it on social media.

Submitted by Gunny Lewis

## WARNING: Email from FTC Chair Lina Khan about Coronavirus money is fake

August 19, 2021 by

Alvaro Puig

Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

Scammers are impersonating FTC Chair Lina Khan in a new phishing scheme. The email says the FTC wants to send you Coronavirus relief funds and tells you to send some personal information, like your name, address, and date of birth. The FTC is

not distributing Coronavirus economic stimulus or relief money to people. The email is a scam. Don't reply.

If you get an unexpected email that asks you to reply – or call or click a link – to give somebody personal or financial information, don't. It's probably a phishing scam trying to steal your money. Report the phishing email to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/ReportFraud) and forward it to the Anti-Phishing Working Group at [reportphishing@apwg.org](mailto:reportphishing@apwg.org). (If scammers contact you by text message or phone, report that, too.)

Submitted by Gunny Lewis



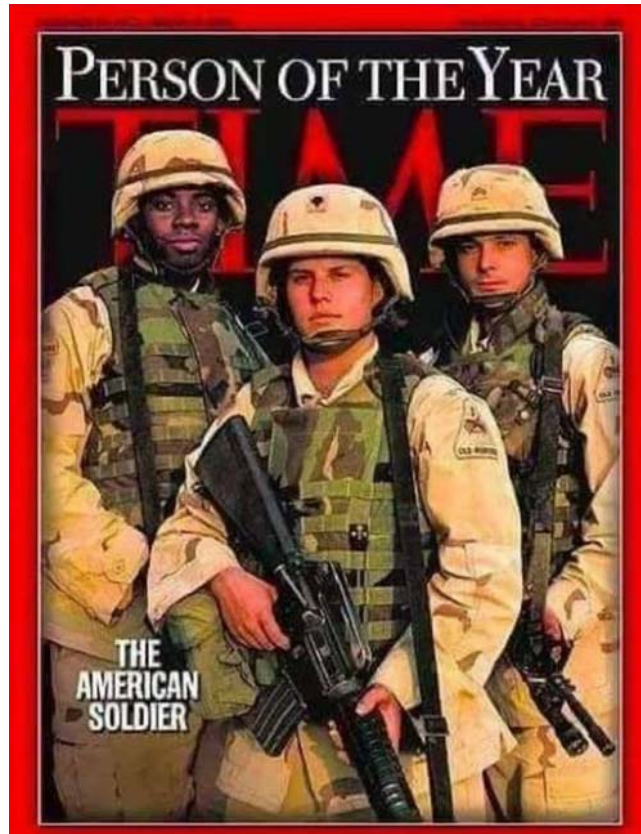
**2020-21 Post Officers**

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

**2020-21 Auxiliary 7589 Officers**

President	Mary Corkhill
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*... and it should be so ...*

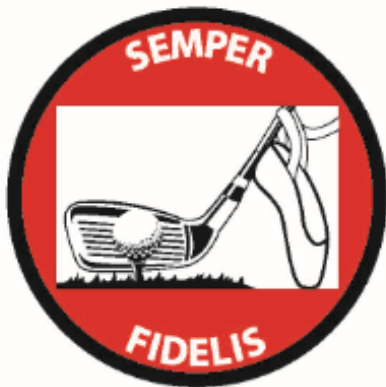




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## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Colin J. Wolfe Memorial Golf Tournament



### Monday October 4, 2021

Evergreen Country Club  
15900 Berkeley Dr.  
Haymarket, VA 20169

## Schedule of Events

10:30-12:00	Registration
10:30-12:00	Lunch
12:00	Shotgun Start
5:00	Dinner
6:00	Awards Ceremony

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- 18 HOLES OF COMPETITIVE YET FUN GOLF (CAPTAIN'S CHOICE)
- PUTTING CONTEST
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Register on or before **July 31st** and receive  
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# 2021 Golf Tournament Registration Form

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Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsorship

Player	Handicap	Golf Shirt Size
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1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of players at \$150/player = \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend but please accept my tax-deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment:  Check # \_\_\_\_\_  Cash

Credit Card (V/MC/D/AmEx)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please detach and return with  
payment by September 20th**

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9004 Mathis Ave.  
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www.manassasballet.org

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**Total Amount** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Received** \_\_\_\_\_

**5TH ANNIVERSARY**

# VALLEY VETERANS

**RIDE FOR HEROES**

**20 YEARS 9.11.01**

Enjoy either a 26 mile, 53 mile or Metric Century 63 mile bicycle route through the beauty of the rolling hills and lush fields of the central Shenandoah Valley countryside.

**September 11, 2021**  
Begins at 8:30 am  
Last rider off:  
63 mile 9 am / 53 mile 9 am / 26 mile 9:30 am  
Meet at Stable Craft Brewing  
375 Madrid Rd., Waynesboro, Virginia

[valleyvetsride4heroes.com](http://valleyvetsride4heroes.com)

## An Ode to America

We rarely get a chance to see another country's editorial about the USA. This excerpt from the Romanian newspaper Evenimentul zilei (*The Event of the Day*) was written by Cornel Nistorescu and published on September 24, 2001 under the title 'C'ntarea Americii', (*Ode To America*).

### Ode to America

Why are Americans so united? They would not resemble one another even if you painted them all one color! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations and religious beliefs.

On 9/11, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the Army, or the Secret Service that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed out onto the streets nearby to gape about.

Instead the Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand.

After the first moments of panic, they raised their flag over the

smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a government official or the president was passing. On every occasion, they started singing: 'God Bless America !'

I watched the live broadcast and rerun after rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who gave his life fighting with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that could have killed other hundreds or thousands of people.

How on earth were they able to respond united as one human being? Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put into collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit, which no money can buy. What on earth unites the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their history? Their economic Power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases with the risk of sounding commonplace, I thought things over, I reached but only one conclusion... Only freedom can work such miracles.

Cornel Nistorescu

 **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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## Upcoming Events

September 11	9/11 remembrance & Flag Retirement Valley Veterans Ride for Heroes
September 13	Auxiliary Meeting — 2 PM Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
September 16	Youth Committee Meeting — 7 PM
September 17	POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 27	Color Guard Meeting — 7 PM
October 2	Manassas Fall Jubilee
October 4	Colin Wolfe Memorial Golf Tournament — Evergreen Country Club, Haymarket
November 6	Veterans Parade — Manassas (Breakfast available at the Post)
November 13	District 8 Meeting — 10 AM — Post 7589, Manassas
November 18-21	Southern Conference — Hilton Head, SC

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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, 2021.**

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

**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.

**PLEASE JOIN US** -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on **Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 12 Noon at Quantico National Cemetery**. (Advance notice: the time is subject to change.) 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?**

For more information visit [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org), or call 877-385-9504.  
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If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
**Wreaths Across America TM**  
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 Columbia Falls, ME 04623  
 Question? Please Call 877-385-9504  
 Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to **Remember, Honor** and **Teach**

**\*GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM\***

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor Card" = If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, see "In Honor" section below. Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1500.00		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

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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Please provide email or "in Honor of" recipient mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message, please write it on the back of this sheet.

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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