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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Education, Employment, and Transition Assistance Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs To ensure veterans and their survivors have timely access to earned benefits, Congress and VA must:

- Pass comprehensive toxic exposure reform, including improvements to the claims process, to provide health care and benefits to all toxic exposed veterans.

- Consider treatment of presumptive

conditions as a claim for disability compensation.

- Properly implement the modernized appeals process.
- Reinstate a pre-decisional review period for claims representatives prior to final rating decisions.
- Require VA to accept private medical evidence in lieu of VA examinations.
- Update regulations and laws governing claims to account for digital claims processing.
- Improve the accuracy of disability compensation claims related to military sexual trauma.
- Increase Dependence and Indemnity Compensation benefits for survivors.
- Increase burial allowances to account for inflation and include spouses' information on all headstones.

Health Care

Health Care To ensure service members and veterans receive timely access to high-quality health care without increasing cost shares, Congress, VA, and DOD must:

- Reduce the number of service members and veterans who die by suicide to zero.
- Strengthen care and research for mental health and traumatic brain injuries.
- Require an assessment of Vet Centers to ensure adequate staffing, resources, and funding.
- Improve programs and services for women and minority veterans.
- Research and effectively treat health conditions associated with toxic exposures.
- Eliminate copayment requirements for preventive health care, including medications.

Military Quality of Life

To maintain quality, comprehensive benefits, and retirement package that is the backbone for an all-volunteer force, Congress and DOD must:

- Increase military base pay comparability with private sector wages.

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



Jane Reape of Carthage, New York, was elected to the office of National President at its 109th National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri on July 21, 2022. She is a Life member of Dionne-Rumble Auxiliary 7227 in Carthage, New York and joined on the eligibility of her late husband, James, who served in the U.S. Air Force from 1961 to 1983. Jane's family includes three children and three grandchildren.



On the anniversary of September 11, 2001, Americans fly the American flag at half-staff and observe a moment of silence for the lives lost. This is honored at 8:46 a.m., the time that the first plane crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. People also use this day to recognize and give thanks to the brave first responders who put their lives on the line to save civilians caught up in the tragedy.

The 10th anniversary of Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) will be held at the Flight 93 National Memorial Somerset County, Pennsylvania on September 10, 2022. I will be attending this gathering to honor the extraordinary men, women, passengers and crew, who lost their lives on 9/11 in a fight against terrorists on a mission to attack the Capitol.



In the United States, **National POW/MIA Recognition Day** is observed on the third Friday in September. It honors those who were prisoners of war (POWs) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). Our VFW Post & Auxiliary will be attending this event at American Legion Post 10 on September 16th at 8:00pm.

It's that time of year when we are requesting the annual members to pay their dues of \$20.00 for 2023. We are having a drawing for a Life Membership if you pay your annual dues by September 15th. There are two way of paying. 1) You may pay on the National website, <https://vfwauxiliary.org/>, under MAL-TA Member Login or 2) You can pay the Auxiliary Treasurer, Elanor Doczi (571/330-5457) or call me at (703/361-8950) if you need any assistance. Thank you in advance.



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The Auxiliary is in the process of passing out the National VFW Auxiliary's symbol, the Blue Tear-drop, for the Military Suicide Awareness. Visit the Veterans Affairs (VA) website www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention for Veterans Crisis Line and National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to locate the local Suicide Prevention Coordinator and educational materials. The Veterans Crisis Line can be reached by phone at 1-800-273-8255 or text-838255

We are requesting your support and participation in our annual fundraiser with the assistance of the not-for profit Wreaths

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Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes all of you have had a great summer. Here is a short update on our most current events and activities. We held our last meeting on 16 August at the Post. It was a small meeting since most members had family commitments. Those in attendance were Comrade Peter MacLeod, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and me. Our primary focus was on recruiting students and teachers for our Youth Contests.

School assignments were given out to all our members and contest brochures were also provided. Now that school is back in session we are contacting as many schools, students and teachers as possible in hopes of expanding participation in this year's program. The following is a list of the institutions we are reaching out to: Westfield HS, Chantilly HS, Centreville HS, Battlefield HS, Unity Reed HS, Gainesville HS, Patriot HS, Osbourn HS, Osbourn Park HS, Stone Middle School, Liberty Middle School, Gainesville Middle School, Bull Run Middle School, Marsteller Middle School, Stonewall Middle School, Metz Middle School, Home Schools, Youth For Tomorrow, Linton Hall School, All Saints School, The Nokesville School, Renaissance Montessori School, Saunders Middle School, Parkside Middle School, Metz Middle School, Regan Middle School, Manassas Middle and High School, Benton Middle School, New Dominion Middle School, Pennington School, Seton School, Manassas Christian School, Mayfield School, Scouts.

Remember our educational contests are Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher Of the Year. Patriots Pen is for grades 6-8 and consists of a written essay consisting of 300-400 words on the theme "My Pledge to Our Veterans". The grand prize is a \$5,000.00 scholarship. The Voice of Democracy contest is for grades 9-12 and includes a written and audio essay of 3-5 minutes. This year's theme is "Why Is The Veteran Important?". The grand prize is an impressive \$30,000.00 scholarship. Students can be from traditional public and private schools as well as home school programs. The VFW Teacher of the Year contest recognizes teachers from grades K-12 who promote civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism. Cash prizes are given to both the teachers and their respective schools. The deadline for all three contests is 31 October 2022. If you know of any students or teachers who would like to participate, please forward their name to the Youth Committee and we'll make sure they are recruited and furnished with a contest application. You can also obtain an application for any candidate from the VFW website. Furthermore, if you know of any additional schools, we can recruit not included in our list please let us know and we'll contact them.

I know I mention this in every newsletter, but this is just another reminder about the Troop 1372/Post 7589 Flag Retirement Ceremony. It is scheduled for Sunday, 11 September at the Post at 12:00 noon. Setup for the event begins at about 11:30 AM. The ceremony should conclude around 2:00PM and will be followed by a pizza party for the Scouts sponsored by the Post Auxiliary.

The Evite has already gone out to Troop and Pack 1372 as well as several other local Scout Troops and Packs. If you would like to attend this event just let us on the Youth Committee know and we'll be happy to include you. The Scouts basically run the whole ceremony. It is well produced and is quite a solemn tribute to the victims of 9-11. Please attend this special occasion with us.

We have some sad news regarding the status of our Post sign restoration project. It was originally supposed to be a total sign replacement by Life Scout Ethan Williams. After a great deal of difficulty obtaining a permit from the City of Manassas the project was reduced in scope to a sign restoration. This was Scout Williams' Eagle Scout Project. We just received word from Comrade Alex Bliem that the project has been canceled for this year. I will defer to Comrade Bliem for additional information on this development.

As you all know our Post is participating in this year's Fall Jubilee in Old Town Manassas. Volunteers are needed to hand out Halloween bags and help recruit members for the Post, Auxiliary and for our youth contests. It is scheduled for Saturday, 1 October and goes from 10:00 AM to 5:00PM. The set-up information and booth location will be announced shortly. Please make an earnest effort to attend this event as well. It's a wonderful street fair that I know you and your guests will enjoy.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 15 September 2022 at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please come by and join us. You'll be part of a great cause with a higher calling by mentoring and guiding American Youth.

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

August saw several activities as well as a lot of planning with our Scouts. All of our Scouts are also now back in school, including our older Venturers some of whom are going back to college; but they are not letting go of summer quite yet.

Our younger Cub Scouts held a yearly summertime tradition called "Rain Gutter Regatta". Traditionally this was actually done in a rain gutter with the ends closed off and full of water. The Scouts will de-



sign, carve out, and decorate their own boats out of a soft piece of wood. They then blow into the boats sails and try to be the first one to the end. The race is the same but the track is now an inflatable rain gutter which makes it a lot easier and safer for everyone. With Covid it was also modified to use small fans. The cubs also created and launched water bottle rockets which is something I actually started with the pack many years ago...thank you NASA for the launcher designs. As Scouts do, they also invited another pack to share in the festivities. The younger Cubs, their older Den Chiefs, and the parents had an absolute blast.



Our older Scouts had a shooting camping trip that they have been doing every year. They camp on the attached campgrounds and spend the day shooting. The younger Scouts are all shooting .22 rifles. The older Scouts have the additional option of shooting clays with various shotguns. Both can earn the associated merit badges if they qualify. During the camping trip the Scouts always learn how to and then disassemble and clean all of



the rifles and shotguns. The Scouts and adults also perform some form of service project for the camp depending on what is needed that weekend. This weekend it happened to be splitting and stacking wood for the club.



Our older Scouts have also been hard at work planning on another camping trip over the past month. They are planning a beach camping trip in Delaware over the long Labor Day weekend. They have never done this before and it sounds like they have a lot of fun and educational activities planned. We should have pictures and more information in the next newsletter.

Our Venturing Crew is partly in college right now, but they are all in the planning phase of some smaller fun activities as well as some High Adventure trips. These trips can take a year or more to plan so more on these later. One might be a four day dog sledging trip in northeastern Minnesota in December/January.

Recruiting and Legislative Report



Monti Zimmerman

With the passage of the PACT Act, we as veterans have additional responsibilities to help other veterans.

I am now the Post Service Officer.

Please let your friends who served in Thailand and Laos during the Vietnam War know that they are now eligible to apply for presumptive Agent Orange cancer compensation.

Anyone who lived at Camp Lejeune during the water problem period should not file a lawsuit until the VA provides more clarification. Gulf War and GWOT veterans should speak with our certified service officers about any claim need tied to burn pits.

[Please see National's statement on the PACT Act on page 9.](#)

Additionally, we are beginning a new legislative year for the state of Virginia. More to follow next month.

We will soon have Life members added into our Post membership total. My expectation is that we will need to recruit approximately 105 to reach our national goal of 102%. I am requesting that each active member of our Post set a personal goal of recruiting a single member. If you need help filling out an application please contact Quartermaster Rick Raskin or me.

[I need to verify my enrollment.](#)

✓ **What should I do?**



Enrollment Verification

Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, Post-9/11 GI Bill® students who receive Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) and/or kicker payments are required to verify their enrollment to continue receiving their payments.

Students may choose text message verification to ensure seamless receipt of their Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) payments. Learn more about the enrollment verification process at https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/isaksonroe/verification_of_enrollment.asp.

State Commander



Geoff Lyster

Comrades and Auxiliary,

Greetings. I hope this note finds you all well and in good spirits. The following info is provided:

-National Commander Homecoming: This weekend [August 27-28] I am attending the National Commander Homecoming in Phoenix, AZ. The event has been well attended and it is an honor to represent the Dept. of Virginia. Commander-In-Chief

Tim Borland greeted all attendees and said he is looking forward to a great year. He said that each Department should strive to achieve 102 percent in membership; he promised that ultimately, National is going to make 100 percent plus in membership this year. That would quite an achievement, and the first time in many years!

-Recruiting School of Instruction (RSOI): On 27 August we conducted a wildly successful RSOI with 43 posts in attendance at Post 9808 Mechanicsville. Thanks to instructor Ken Wiseman. The next RSOI will be on 10 September in Hillsville. Please send a Post Officer to one of these important RSOIs.

-New VFW Foundation Executive Director: The (National) VFW Foundation announced that Lisa Baronio was selected as the new executive director of the 501(c)3 nonprofit. She brings nearly three decades of experience in donor cultivation and advancement and will also, be the first female to lead the organization.

-VFW at the Ballpark: Next weekend, on 4 September the VFW will be throwing out the first pitch for the Norfolk Tides vs Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs baseball game. Come out and join us and wear your VFW gear. Tickets are only \$14 each and a portion goes toward VFW.

-Valley Veterans Ride for Heroes: On Saturday, 10 September, the VFW will be hosting this annual bicycle riding endurance event. This is one of the largest VFW fundraising events of the year and all proceeds will go to Boulder Crest Retreat. Boulder Crest is dedicated to "support our combat veterans and their families who are dealing with the trauma and stress of their war experiences."

-Membership: This week National released the first "Commander's Challenge." Accordingly, during the month of September 2022, we're going to be focusing on increasing our Annual members; specifically, new members, continuous members who renew; reinstated members, and dues-paying transfers. At the end of September the five top Posts in each (national) division will be eligible for a drawing for a \$500. This would be a great month to hold a post recruiting drive, to bring in some new members.

-Homecoming: This week we announced details for the State Commander & State President Homecoming to be held Friday,

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Team Quest Manassas visits the National Museum of the Marine Corps

By David Mattingly

Team Quest—Greater Manassas Youth Project is a collaborative multi-disciplinary team comprised of community stake partners within the Greater Manassas area. The goal of our program is to engage and enrich the lives of youth within the community.

Team Quest is a group of local youths led by MPO TJ Rodriguez of the City of Manassas Police Department over the past summer. Other groups, like the Rotary Club of Manassas, have provided learning opportunities for the youths over the past summer school break. In July, Team Quest visited the National Museum of the Marine Corps to learn about the values and service of the Marine Corps.

The trip was coordinated with VFW Post 7589 members Jerry Martin and David Mattingly, who both have ties to the Museum. Jerry is a retired Marine Colonel and David is a volunteer museum docent. Additionally, Marine Corps Headquarters Battalion provided two Marine Lance Corporals Mishel Trejomorales and Marc Drake to accompany the group and talk about their lives and duties as Marines.

Throughout the tour, Jerry and David provided the history of the Marine Corps to the youths, including first-hand experience of both of their service in the Vietnam War. To cap off the museum visit, the youth were provided lunch at the Museum's Tun Tavern Restaurant and given an opportunity to revisit areas of the museum that they found interesting.

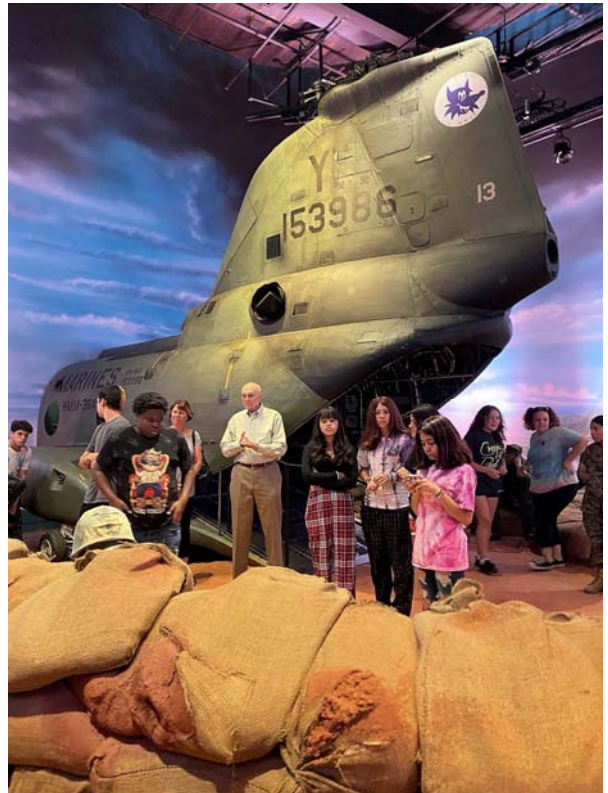
Over the course of the day, the youths learned about SERVICE. Jerry and David exemplify VFW Service to the Community in their many activities.



Docent Major Wally Jabs, USMC (Ret) talks about the significance of the Battle of Iwo Jima in front of the Second flag flown over Mount Suribachi.



David Mattingly in the World War II Gallery.



Jerry Martin talks with the youth at the Vietnam Khe San Hill 881 Gallery. In the background is the rear of a CH-46 which helped to supply the Marines during the battle.

VFW Remembers Thomas J. Tradewell

Tradewell's kindness and contributions will not soon be forgotten

August 04, 2022



KANSAS CITY, Mo. – It is with great sorrow that the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) announces the passing of past VFW Commander-in-Chief Thomas J. “Tommy” Tradewell.

Tradewell was elected commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Aug. 20, 2009, at the 110th VFW National Convention, held in Phoenix, Arizona.

He served in the U. S. Army from 1966-1968 and earned VFW eligibility while serving with B Company 26th Engineers 198th Light Infantry Brigade (Americal Division) in South Vietnam as a demolition specialist. His decorations included the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Purple Heart and Good Conduct Medal.

Tradewell joined the VFW in 1968 at Post 6498 in Milwaukee where he remained a Life member. He served in elected and appointed positions at the Post, District and Department (state) levels culminating with his election as Department commander in 1999-2000. He served as national inspector general in 2001-2002, and served as the District 11 National Council representative for the Departments of Wisconsin and Iowa in 2003-2005.

Tradewell earned an associate degree in industrial safety, and retired from Briggs and Stratton in 1998 as a metallurgy laboratory technician after 30 years of service.

He was a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Military Order of the Cootie, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America and the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association.

Annual Northern Virginia Veterans Parade

By Jerry Martin

The 13th Annual Northern Virginia Veterans Parade is scheduled for November 5th at 11:00 AM in Old Town Manassas.

The Parade began fourteen years ago and has been an annual highlight within the community and the Post since then.

Those interested in honoring their military service history, or that of their family members or friends, can do so by having an Honor Ad placed in the Souvenir Parade Booklet. A nominal donation for the ad is required. The booklet is distributed free of charge the day of the parade.

Anyone interested in placing an ad should access the vetpar.org website and click on the Sponsorship link to do so.

Honor Ads must be received by September 17.

Vetpar.org is a 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible.

POW/MIA Ceremony

Comrades,

We have been invited to participate with American Legion Post 10 to remember America's POW and MIAs.

If you are a member of the Honor Guard please email me if you wish to participate.

Members that wish to attend are welcome and do not need to RSVP. VFW attire encouraged.

Date: FRIDAY, 16 SEP 2022

Time: 2000

Place: Post 10 Hall

Dress: Gold Ascots, VFW shirt (short sleeves) and VFW hat, black pants, black belt, black socks and black shoes.

David A. Mattingly



Commissioner's Corner

This September 11th marks the twenty-first anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Arlington and the downing of Flight 93 in Shanksville, PA. No event has ever or will ever have more impact on those of my generation than seeing the devastation of that fateful day. We all remember and honor the 3,000 Americans killed and the thousands more who were injured.



At the time, I was a Captain and had just started Ranger School. Ironically, my fellow Ranger students and I- who would bear the burden of the subsequent decades of war- didn't see the video or news stories of the attacks until much later. But we knew that our lives would never be the same. America was now at war and we would soon be fighting in the Global War on Terror.

And just as the attack on Pearl Harbor generated a new sense of patriotism among the members of the Greatest Generation and prompted many young men and women to volunteer to serve in our armed forces then, 9/11 was the impetus that prompted many of my generation to enlist, and for those of us already serving, gave us the opportunity to fight back against those who would attack us.

Two months after the attack, the U.S. Congress proclaimed that September 11 would annually be commemorated as Patriot Day – our National Day of Mourning.

As Patriot Day falls on Sunday this year, the Virginia War Memorial will host the annual Commonwealth's Patriot Day Ceremony on Monday, September 12 at 11 a.m. I will be there as will hundreds of others. If you are in Richmond or nearby, I hope you will join us as we honor our fellow citizens who perished and reaffirm our dedication to the principles of freedom of our great nation.

A few days later, Friday, September 16, is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. We must never forget the thousands of American service members who were captured and often tortured as Prisoners of War by our enemies during World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam and our more recent conflicts and the thousands more who were lost and unaccounted for and never returned home to their families.

It is fitting that the Paul and Phyllis Galanti Education Center at the Virginia War Memorial is named in honor of Commander Paul Galanti and his late wife, Phyllis. Commander Galanti, a Navy pilot, was held captive for seven years by the North Vietnamese in the infamous Hanoi Hilton. A shining example of the unwavering support of military spouses, Phyllis became an internationally known advocate for the release and fair treatment of all American POW's in Southeast Asia. I am personally honored to follow in the footsteps of Commander Galanti, who served as the third DVS Commissioner. Recently, the Virginia War Memorial recorded a video interview with the Commander about his experiences to use in their educational seminars. The Memorial will honor him and his fellow POWs with special events and film showings on POW/MIA Recognition Day.

As summer comes to end, as we return from vacations and prepare our kids to go back to school and college, all of us at DVS look forward to continuing our mission to recognize, serve and honor all those who have worn or wear the uniform of our armed services and the family members that support them.

I plan to travel throughout Virginia, visit our offices, participate in events and hope to meet many of you in person. Please know that we appreciate your input. What can DVS do to better serve veterans such as you? Our team members are here to listen and you can always contact me directly at Daniel.Gade@dvs.virginia.gov.

Thank you. God Bless our Commonwealth and our great nation and those that serve and protect it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Dan. Gade".

Daniel Gade, PhD, Commissioner
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Camp Lejeune and PACT ACT

Dear veteran advocates,

VFW is proud that our top legislative priority [has] become the law of the land. Your VFW Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland will be on hand for the historic signing of the PACT Act tomorrow at the White House. However, before the ink has even dried on the bill, the VFW knows that folks are out there trying to recruit fellow Marines to participate in Camp Lejeune lawsuits. The VFW wants to make sure veterans are armed with the right information on this part of the PACT Act. Below please find a message sent from the VFW National Service Director to your Department Service Officers yesterday explaining what they need to know.

With the passage of the PACT Act, you may be seeing an increase in ads popping up for Marines who served at Camp Lejeune to participate in the lawsuits authorized under the [Camp Lejeune Justice Act portion of PACT \(Section 804\)](#). While these lawsuits will finally offer closure to many, here is what you need to know today and what we ask you share with members and veterans in your state who have questions:

Veterans who think they may qualify for a presumptive benefit under the PACT Act, or who may think they qualify for a Camp Lejeune lawsuit should call their accredited VFW service officer **FIRST**.

The PACT Act offers care and benefits to generations of veterans, but no one can tell you today exactly how VA will interpret the 150 pages of legislation until VA publishes regulations in the coming months. This is why working with an accredited service officer who knows federal regulations is so important.

While the Camp Lejeune lawsuits stand to help scores of family members and contractors who were on Camp Lejeune, veterans who participate in the lawsuits may stand to forfeit other service-connected benefits from Camp Lejeune toxic exposure and other qualifying military service.

While family members and contractors may wish to consult with an attorney on Camp Lejeune, veterans should seek out their free VA service-connected benefits first.

Filing a VA claim for service-connected benefits with the VFW is always free and VFW's accredited service officers can be found at www.vfw.org/NVS.

The above points can also be found at <https://www.vfw.org/CampLejeunePactAct>.

We will continue to provide more information as it becomes available.

Yours in Comradeship,

Dan West

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**"IF YOU HAVE THE GUTS
TO SEND SOMEBODY TO WAR,
THEN YOU BETTER HAVE THE
GUTS TO TAKE CARE OF THEM
WHEN THEY GET HOME."**

JON STEWART
COMEDIAN, TALK SHOW HOST

WALL OF FACES: MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

At least one photo has been found for each service member whose name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Washington, D.C. (August 9, 2022) – The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is proud to announce that after more than two decades of effort, at least one photo has been found for each of the 58,281 service members whose names are inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

“When VVMF began this effort, the goal was to put a face with a name for each of the 58,281 service members whose names are inscribed on The Wall. To ensure that visitors to The Wall understand that behind each name is a face – a person with a story of a family and friends who were forever changed by their loss. Today, the Wall of Faces tells these stories through photos and remembrances left by both friends and family members. We couldn’t have done this without the tenacious work of a small army of volunteers across the country. Their ingenuity, commitment and dedication are tremendous,” said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF.

“This phase is now complete, but our team and many volunteers are continuing to seek better quality photos and adding remembrances to show the full story behind each name. We ask the public to look at the photos on the Wall of Faces and add additional higher-quality images as well as leave remembrances so that with the name, the photos and the remembrances – fuller stories will begin to emerge about each of these heroes,” said Knotts.

To view and search the Wall of Faces, visit: www.vvmf.org/wall-of-faces

In the Fall of 2001, a short-term initial effort was made to collect photos of those on The Wall, with a larger, more concerted effort launched in the Fall of 2009. Since then, hundreds of volunteers and family members have submitted photos for the effort. Volunteers tracked down photos in many different ways. These are just a few highlights of our volunteers and how they found these photos:

- Janna Hoehn began working on the project in 2011 with one photo that she had a connection to – the name rubbing she randomly made on her first visit to The Wall in Washington D.C. She then started with the 42 fallen from Maui - where she resides. With that success, she moved on to her hometown in California – and then the entire state. Hoehn contacted newspapers in each county where photos were needed. Soon after, she started working her way across the country. She grew a team of like-minded volunteers who joined her efforts, and they all had their own way of finding photos. However, Hoehn made many of the emotional phone calls to family members to not only ask for a photo but to learn more about their lost loved ones. “I am grateful for each and every volunteer, each newspaper that agreed to do a story for a little lady from Hawaii. I am proud of my work with this project and will never forget this time in my life,” said Hoehn.
- Andrew Johnson began working on finding photos in 2014. As a newspaper publisher in Wisconsin – he knew that community newspapers all over the country could significantly contribute to the effort of finding missing photos. Johnson invited VVMF to speak at a National Newspaper Association convention. In 2016, his newspaper published a special section that displayed all of the Wisconsin Wall of Faces – the first publication of its kind – and brought awareness to other states where photos were still needed. Johnson’s connection is personal. He is the Gold Star Father of 1LT David Johnson, KIA in Afghanistan in January 2012. “It was an honor to serve our great republic by honoring our Vietnam era heroes by finding their photos. As I worked on the project, many Vietnam veterans embraced me and let me know how much they loved my son and would never forget him as they were often forgotten. In turn I would always tell them, ‘welcome home, you and your fallen military buddies will never be forgotten,’” said Johnson.
- David Hine got involved in 2009 when he read about the effort in a VVMF newsletter. He already had photos for 11 Indiana heroes he could post right away, since his hometown had hosted *The Wall That Heals* a few years prior. His hunt for photos always began in the listed home of record since each hometown newspaper would typically have the obituary that listed surviving family members along with schools attended. Finding parents or siblings was always the best solution. “My most memorable story came from contacting a daughter-in-law of a fallen service member only to find out that her husband had never seen a photo of his father. I was able to obtain a high school photo and then a military photo and provide it, not only to the Wall of Faces, but to the family as well,” said Hine.
- Herb Reckinger started looking for photos of Minnesotans in 2014. He worked with the Minnesota Historical Society as well as many loyal city and school librarians. Once Minnesota was complete, he spread out to other states. He continues to search for better photos for those with poor quality photos. “While at a *The Wall That Heals* stop, a local veteran asked me to find his friend’s name on The Wall. I asked if he wanted to see his picture. After looking at his friend on the Wall of Faces, he had one sentence for me - ‘I forgot what he looked like,’” said Reckinger. Another face remembered.

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- ◆ Steve and Annie Delp began representing VVMF and the Wall of Faces project at Vietnam unit reunions in 2013. It soon became evident that the attendees – Vietnam veterans and their families – wanted to help in gathering the missing photos. The Delps took on the mission of obtaining the photos, cleaning them up and adding them to the Wall of Faces. “At one point, a small bible was left with us that had 30 names inside. Upon doing some research, it was found that 25 of the 30 names were KIA. I’m pleased to report that all 25 have at least one good picture now,” said Steve Delp.
- ◆ Norman Murray attended the Veterans Day ceremony at The Wall in 2014 and met Annie Delp. Her volunteer work was an inspiration to him. He went back home to Western New York to begin his quest to track down families, yearbooks and newspaper clippings about Western New Yorkers. In 2016 – he collaborated with a Buffalo State PR & Advertising class and *The Buffalo News*, as well as another researcher who had been quietly collecting obituaries of the fallen. “Interestingly, my fellow researcher obtained the final picture for Western New York by buying a high school yearbook on eBay, because neither the school nor the public library had a copy in their archives,” said Murray.
- ◆ John Thomstatter got involved in 2016 after hearing about the effort. With the help of his fellow members of VVA Chapter 1036 in The Villages, Florida he led a team to find the photos for all of Florida’s service members on The Wall. Chapter 1036 enlisted other VVA chapters in Florida. They not only found all the photos for Florida, but “I was fortunate enough to find the last photo to complete Pennsylvania, my home state,” said Thomstatter.

The Wall of Faces features a page dedicated to honoring and remembering every person whose name is inscribed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. This effort further preserves the legacy of those who sacrificed all in Vietnam and allows family and friends to share memories, post pictures and connect with each other. To learn more, visit www.vvmf.org/wall-of-faces

About the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. in 1982. VVMF continues to lead the way in paying tribute to our nation’s Vietnam veterans and their families. VVMF’s mission is to honor and preserve the legacy of service in America and educate all generations about the impact of the Vietnam War and era. To learn more about VVMF, visit www.vvmf.org or call 202-393-0090.

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- Protect and improve on-base quality of life programs.
- Ensure that military housing is safe and free of toxic substances.
- End the military retirement pay and VA disability compensation offset.
- Ensure military family members are gainfully employed.
- Eliminate food insecurity in the military.
- Establish the Armed Forces University.
- Ensure equity of benefits for Reserve component service members.
- Improve stability and support for military families. National Security, Foreign Affairs, and POW

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To fully support service members, and protect our nation’s citizens and interests around the world, Congress and DOD must:

- Expand partnerships with host nations and private/public organizations to achieve the fullest possible accounting of U.S. military personnel missing from all wars.
- Preserve the all-volunteer force.
- Ensure DPAA is fully funded to perform its personnel recovery mission

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Across America (WAA) organization. On Saturday, December 17th at noon, wreaths will be placed on veterans’ graves at Quantico National Cemetery. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath and \$5.00 will be returned to the Auxiliary. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org> and remember to include our Sponsoring Group **ID No. VA0040P** and Cemetery **ID No. VAQNCT**. The **DEADLINE** is November 30, 2022. Also, forms are attached to this newsletter.

On Jan. 7, 1925, the VFW National Home was founded, helping to fulfill the VFW pledge to “honor the dead by helping the living.” Over the years, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America’s military and veterans’ families. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: the National Home’s commitment to honor our nation’s veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families. If you wish to become a life member, please forward your application and \$50.00 to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Warverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327.

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

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President

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January 13, 2023 at the Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel. This free event will be held in the spectacular Holley Ballroom and will feature the famous Marriott "Tidewater Buffet"; Famous DJ "JR", special guest speakers, dance competition, Homecoming Gun Raffle, some nice giveaways, and uncommon camaraderie!

Fundraisers & Merchandise: 2023 VFW State Calendars are on sale now! Initial reception has been strong. Many members have been favorably commenting on the new layout: monthly photos of VFW posts around the state; and "retro" photos of State Officers. Some of the retro or action photos go all the way back to the 1970s. 2023 Calendars will remain on sale until January 1, 2023. Proceeds go toward Dept. of Virginia VFW. **Com-mander** (red & gold) shirts are in stock in all sizes, and red ball-caps are on hand. Wear yours to all VFW events, Centennial Celebrations and RED (Remember Everyone Deployed) Shirt Fridays. Proceeds from the sale of shirts and caps go toward Homecoming.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Geoffrey D. Lyster
Commander
Department of Virginia
Email: cdr@vfwva.org
(C) 703-725-7862

Post 7589 Service Officer

Monti Zimmerman

703-223-2211

SIGN UP TO JOIN VFW ACTION CORPS

RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER
AND ACTION ALERTS

Use camera mode to scan code



or

Text "VFW" to 50457

or

Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps



Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net
or text to **838255**

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:

Levels		Posts	Departments	National
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

Annual Payouts:

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

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	Monti Zimmerman
Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem

2022-23 Auxiliary 7589 Officers

President	Mary Corkhill
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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.

A Great Place to Call Home!

800-313-4200

Virginia Department
of
Veterans Services

Manassas Office

9300 W. Courthouse Rd.
Suite 305
703-479-7437



30 Games Including:

\$750 Jackpot
(Starts with 51 numbers)

Lucky 7 Progressive

90:10 Jackpot
(Prize = 90% of sales)

Pull Tabs & Hard Cards

\$10.00 Bingo Book
(includes Early Birds)

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DOORS OPEN 7:30 AM

GAMES START AT 9:15 AM

SPECIAL
BUY 2 BOOKS
GET A 1/2 BOOK FREE

Upcoming Events

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 15	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM
September 16	POW/MIA Recognition Day — Joint ceremony at American Legion Post 10 — 8:00 PM
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)
October 27—30	Southern Conference, Asheville, North Carolina
November 7	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
November 14	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
November 19	District 8 Meeting—Post 7728 — Morrisville

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE
WITH
THE MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE ORCHESTRA




Hylton Performing Arts Center | 10960 George Mason Cir., Manassas, VA
 Friday, October 14 at 7:30 pm
 Saturday, October 15 at 7:30 pm
 Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 pm
 Tickets: (703) 993-7759 or
<https://hylton.calendar.gmu.edu/manassas-ballet-theatre-the-legend-of-sleepy-hollow/>
 Info: 703-257-1811, 703-368-6621, or info@manassasballet.org

New Choreography by
Ahmed Nabill!

VIRGINIA SENATORS

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SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

Since 2007, Wreaths Across America carries out its mission **REMEMBER** the fallen, **HONOR** those that serve and **TEACH** our children the value of **FREEDOM** in part by placing wreaths on veterans graves during the holiday season.

The **Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589** is working with Wreaths Across America (WAA) to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. **Deadline Date is November 30, 2022.**

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.

Wreaths Across America will be at **Quantico National Cemetery** to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on **Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 12 Noon.** (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, or call 877-385-9504.
You can also email infor@wreathsaacrossamerica.org



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Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored 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: _____

Please make checks payable to:

Wreaths Across America

PO Box 249

Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.

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

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

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

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

Please note, **ALL** sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and **NO** wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: VAQNCT. Fundraising Group ID: VA0040P

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____

Entered: _____

GEN: