

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
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Charles Bush, Rick Raskin, Jill Lynch and Joanne Smith at the national convention in Phoenix.

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## Commander's Message



**Wayne Moore**

### Military All-Volunteer Force

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the all-volunteer force (AVF) is here! However, after fifty years of the AVF, our military services are acknowledging difficulties in recruiting new members. The willingness to serve is at 9%, the lowest in 15 years. According to the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 77% of our young people

are ineligible to join. They are unable to meet physical or mental requirements. Civilian DoD personnel point toward a strong job market as a compounded factor to the shortfalls and woes.

Senior enlisted leaders told the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel that their survey indicated the largest barriers were members' putting their lives on hold, safety, quality of life, and basic needs. As well as popular opinions that standards were being lowered, politics, and the DoD's emphasis on diversity and inclusion.

Military leadership believes in "quality over quantity" and is willing to deal with the shortage rather than lower military standards. I am in total accord with our fighting force being the best and without divisive political intrusion.

A slow drain of military servicemembers has prolonged over the years, whether because of conflicts or societal apathy. The lack of veterans' positive attitudes toward the military only serves to further erode confidence in those seeking enlistment information. The Military Officer Association of America (MOAA) article indicated that two years ago 75% of servicemembers, retirees, military families, and veterans would recommend a family member to serve, that number is now 63% and declining. At this rate, the United States could be in Russia's position having to rely on mercenaries for military defense.

Opinions and perspectives of a veteran or family member are of greater impact or importance to a young individual with a desire to join the military, more so than that of a recruiter effort.

The current force, veterans, and retirees must ensure that the legacy of our patriotism and sacrifice for the country's well-being endures. If those who served in the cause of freedom now refuse to exert a positive influence on the next generation of recruits; what will become of America's way of life or the flagging Republic?

Adapted from (MOAA) 50 years of the All-Volunteer Force, by Lt. Gen Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret)

## Auxiliary President



**Mary Corkhill**

### ATTENTION PLEASE:

The Auxiliary's October meeting is moved to October 2nd at 2:00 PM at the Post. The District President will be doing her official inspection.

It will be the 22nd anniversary of September 11, 2001 and Americans will fly the American flag at half-staff and observe a moment of silence for the lives lost.

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). This is on September 15.

VFW Auxiliary's 11th annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) will be at the Golden Spike National Historical Park on September 18. Golden Spike National Historical Park is the site of the 1869 ceremony of the last spike driven for the first transcontinental railroad across the United States.

We want to remind the annual members to pay their dues of \$20.00 for 2024. There are two way of paying: 1) You may pay on the National website, <https://vfwauxiliary.org/>, under MALTA 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.

The District 8 School of Instruction will be September 30 at the Fredericksburg Post 3103 at 10AM.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number is 1-800-273-8255 available 24 hours every day. Visit the Veterans Affairs (VA) website [www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\\_prevention](http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention) for National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to locate the local Suicide Prevention Coordinator and educational materials.

With the assistance of the not-for profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) organization, we are again holding our annual fundraiser. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath and \$5.00 will be returned to the Auxiliary. To pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, 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, 2023 and forms are attached to this newsletter. Wreaths will be placed on veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery on Saturday, December 16th at noon.

From the National Home website "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

*(See Auxiliary on page 3)*

## How to Report Online

There are five categories of required reports:

- Americanism
- Community Service
- Safety
- Youth Activities
- Hospital

A Post must submit the above reports at least once during the first half of the year (May 1 - October 31) and once during the second half (November 1—April 30).

**Anyone can submit a report and here’s how to do it online:**

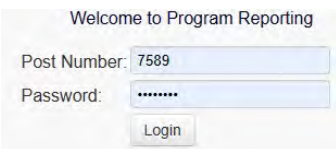
Go to [www.vfwva.org](http://www.vfwva.org) and click on [Resources](#). Then click [Online Reporting](#) from the dropdown menu.



For Post 7589, the login information is:

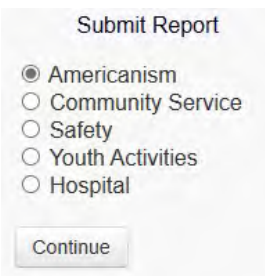
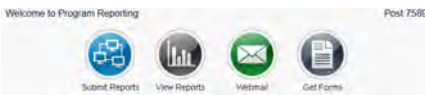
Username: 7589  
Password: post7589

Then click on: [Click here](#) to view/add reports



Login to Online Reporting

Click Submit Reports



Select the report type and click continue

You will be taken to a screen from where you enter pertinent information.

Note: Cost is mileage @ 14¢ per mile (round trip) plus any expense you encounter.

Hours are computed from the time you left home to when you returned.

When you are finished click SUBMIT and you are done.

That’s all there is to it.

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the VFW National Home, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327.

Please keep any individuals or family members who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their heavenly home, in your prayers.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
Auxiliary President

## Governor Youngkin Announced Board Appointments, including:

Charitable Gaming Board:

**Joanne R. Smith of Henrico County, Quartermaster of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9808, Mechanicsville.**

Joanne serves as my alternate representative to the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations and has been involved in helping us put forward our position on charitable gaming. A win-win for us.

## JLC Initiative included in Governor’s Budget

Another win for veterans is the Governor’s budget lifts the age restrictions on tax exemptions for veterans’ pensions. This was a JLC initiative carried forward to the legislature.

*Rick Raskin*

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Use camera mode to scan code



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or  
Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](http://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)

## Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

Best wishes to everyone from the Youth Committee. We held our last meeting on 17 August and had an excellent turnout. Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem as well as Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and I were present. Comrade Peter MacLeod participated by conference call. I would like to welcome and introduce a new member of the Youth Committee, Comrade Lemar Baker. He is relatively new to our Post as well and has a strong

interest in Youth Activities and high school football. Lemar, thank you for joining us, we are so happy to have you.

The big news is our upcoming 9-11 Flag Retirement Ceremony which is scheduled for Saturday, 9 September at the Post. The Evite has already been sent to all the area Scout units and we are expecting a pretty good turnout. Hopefully the weather will cooperate, and it will be an enjoyable event for everyone. If you want to help out, we are setting up at 9:30 AM. The event begins at 10:00 AM and concludes sometime around noon. The Auxiliary will be sponsoring a pizza party afterwards for all the Scouts and attendees. Please join us for this solemn and memorable service which is conducted in spectacular fashion by Troop and Pack 1372, our Post's affiliated Scout unit.

The City of Manassas Fall Jubilee is scheduled for Saturday, 7 October in Old Towne Manassas. The VFW will participate as we have done in years past, along with the Auxiliary. We will be setting up our table just like we did last year in front of the Freedom Museum on Center Street. While promoting the VFW and Auxiliary with recruiting efforts, the Jubilee also gives us the opportunity to reach out to local area youth. We hand out reflective Halloween bags with small gifts and interact with the children and parents. This event also gives us one final opportunity to recruit for our Youth contests, Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year. Applications for VFW and Auxiliary membership, as well as youth contest applications are always available on our table. Please consider joining us for this exciting event in October. It happens to be my favorite VFW activity each year.

The youth essay contests, and Teacher of the Year contest deadlines are 31 October. We are currently distributing our applications to local area schools, home school organizations, JROTC units and Scout Troops. We do this primarily electronically as well as physically. If you know of any middle or high school student interested in entering the contest and competing for scholarship prizes just contact us at the Youth Committee. We are also looking for teachers from all grade levels to compete in our Teacher of the Year contest. Applications can be obtained from the Youth Committee directly on online through VFW.org. In the middle of October, I will share information regarding our Post and District Judging. Judges are always needed for our essay and teacher contests and is a very exciting and rewarding experience. Last year the Department Voice of Democracy winner came from Post 7589. Hopefully

we'll have equally successful results this year.

Once our essays are received and judged the winners are notified. The Post presents our Youth and Teacher Awards to our Post winners at the Annual Educational Awards night. This year it is scheduled for Sunday, 3 December at the Post Hall at 4:00 PM. We open our ceremony with a color guard from one of the area JROTC units. The beginning of the program is reserved for an address by our guest speaker, usually an individual prominent in the community. The speech is generally inspirational and motivational in nature. The contest winners are then announced, and awards are presented. After an opportunity for photographs, refreshments, provided by the Auxiliary are served. Please reserve this date for a wonderful event and join us in this December celebration.

Our next Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 21 September at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us and have a great experience working on the committee with some great people and mentoring our kids.

With best regards,  
Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair

The 2023-24 Voice of Democracy theme is:  
*"What Are the Greatest Attributes of Our Democracy?"*

The 2023-24 Patriots Pen theme is:  
*"How Are You Inspired by America?"*

# Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

For the most part August was a slower month as scouts got back from their different camping experiences and started getting ready for school again.

We did, however, welcome one of our scouts home from the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea. This Jamboree saw scouts coming together from all over the world. The scouts participated in numerous activities together and as has become a Jamboree tradition they traded patches, uniform accessories etc. However, because of the brutal weather conditions and issues with the host country's planning this was also a very trying experience for all of the scouts. The U.S. contingent, unfortunately would eventually take refuge in Camp Humphreys. Other countries would disperse to various locations and experience the South Korean culture in different ways. The scouts did what they do best though, they adapted, and whether it be the good, the bad, or the ugly they still had an experience of a lifetime.

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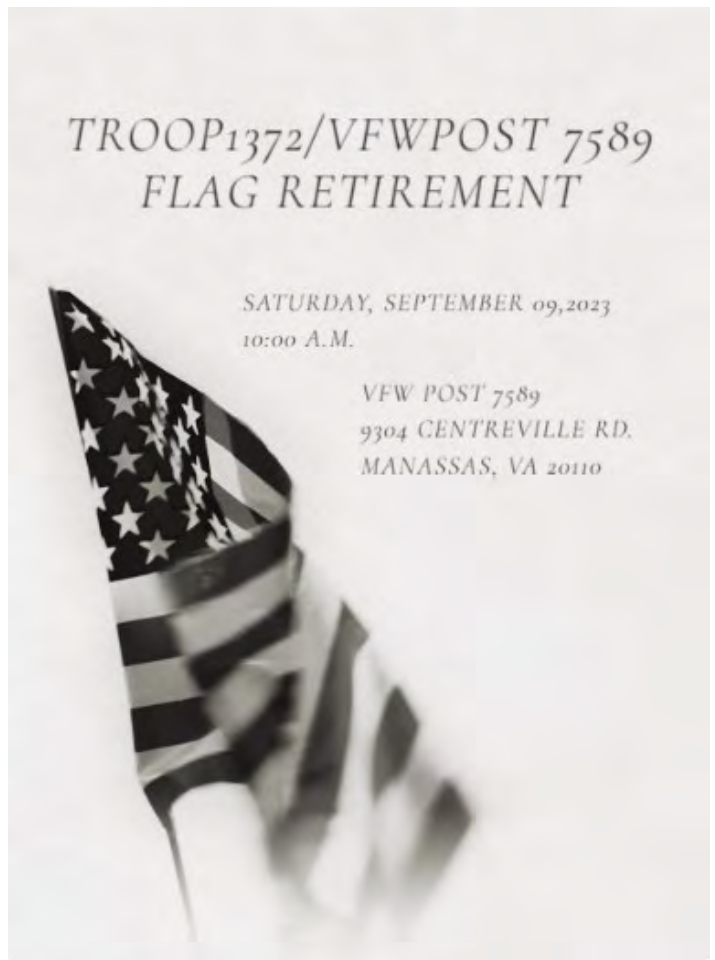


As I am writing this our venturing crew is in the middle of a Coffee and loose leaf Tea fundraiser to help raise money for their High Adventure SeaBase trip next summer.

The two troops are preparing for two fun camping trips next month, more to come on those next month.

Be Safe,

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



## Commissioner's Corner



In a few weeks, we will honor and remember the nearly 3,000 Americans and others who died during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, the Pentagon in Virginia, and in the crash of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. On September 11, 2023 at 11AM, DVS will host the Commonwealth's Patriot Day Ceremony. The annual ceremony will take place at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond. I encourage everyone to join us as we must never forget the tragedy of that momentous day 22 years ago.

While much of our mission at DVS is to better the lives of today's veterans and their families, it is also important that we continue to honor and tell the stories of those Virginians who unselfishly served in our armed forces and the thousands who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

This is why the Virginia War Memorial is such an integral part of our agency. Through its exhibits, programs, and documentary films, the Memorial is a living tribute to those who served and where every day is Memorial Day. Over the past year, the Virginia War Memorial and the Virginia War Memorial Foundation have been working on a new documentary film in partnership with Blue Ridge PBS in Roanoke.

Entitled "One Week In October," the film chronicles the bombing of the U.S. Marine Corps Barracks in Beirut, Lebanon on October 23, 1983 where 241 U.S. military personnel were killed. During that same week, President Ronald Reagan sent 2,000 troops to the island of Grenada to protect U.S. citizens there. Since January of this year, the film crew has traveled throughout the Commonwealth interviewing veterans who were eyewitnesses to both events forty years ago.

The film will have a special premiere at the Virginia War Memorial in Richmond on the evening of October 25, 2023. Click [here](#) for full details. The film will also be broadcast on WBRA-TV in Roanoke and other PBS stations in Virginia.

Two days earlier, the Virginia War Memorial will host a special remembrance ceremony to mark the 40th anniversary of the Marine Corps barracks bombing.

We are proud to present these new offerings and look forward to paying forward the stories of all these unsung heroes.

Also, on October 11, DVS is pleased to once again partner with the Virginia Chamber of Commerce to host the annual Veterans and Military Affairs Conference in Richmond. The one-day conference will conclude with the Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Awards Luncheon where we will honor those V3 partner employers who have done the most to hire and retain Virginia veterans and family members over the past year. For more information, click [here](#).

Recognizing our partners, such as our V3 certified employers, is also an important part of our mission. These employers have hired over 122,000 veterans to date, helping us to ensure Virginia is the best place to live, work and raise a family.

As always, we appreciate hearing from you. How can we serve you better? Please contact any DVS team member or me directly at [Daniel.Gade@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:Daniel.Gade@dvs.virginia.gov) and let us know.

Thank you and may God bless our Commonwealth and our Nation.

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

Daniel Gade, PhD, Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

## Attention Post-9/11 Combat Veterans: Sign Up for Expanded VA Health Care Benefits Ends September 30

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that its special one-year enrollment period for Post 9/11 Combat Veterans ends September 30, 2023. If this includes you, you must contact the VA and enroll in VA Health Care before October 1.

You are eligible for these PACT Act expanded benefits if:

- You served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War or you served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after November 11, 1998 or
- You were discharged or released from service between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 and you have not previously enrolled in VA Health Care.

Post-9/11 Veterans discharged or released on or after October 1, 2013 are not subject to this special enrollment period cut can enroll within 10 years of their separation or discharge date. VA encourages Veterans to apply, whatever their separation date. Eligibility depends on your service history and other factors.

For more information, go to [myhealth.vahealth.gov](https://myhealth.vahealth.gov). You can also contact the Veteran Service Representative at your local DVS office if you would like additional information or assistance in applying for these benefits. To find your nearest DVS office, visit [www.dvs.virginia.gov](https://www.dvs.virginia.gov).

But don't wait. Make sure you apply by September 30.



The Prince William Area Agency on Aging, in Partnership with the Prince William Bar Association, is once again, sponsoring a "Wills for Veterans" Program.

The Prince William Bar Association will be drafting 1) Last Will and Testaments, 2) Powers of Attorneys, and 3) Medical Directives for the Veteran (and their spouse/caregiver) who live in the Tri-jurisdictional areas of PWC, Manassas and Manassas Park - FREE. All veterans are encouraged to participate who do not have a Will, Powers of Attorney and/or Medical Directives. Space is limited to the first 100 veterans & their spouses who sign-up w/ an RSVP to guarantee your participation. Those who wish to participate will be required to attend 3 different sessions. The 1st session will be an Information/Educational Session w/ time for Q & A. (All Sessions will be scheduled at the Prince William Senior Center/Manassas, 9320 Mosby Street, Manassas, VA 20110; 1<sup>st</sup> Session is Saturday, September 30th- Educational Session/Questionnaires distributed. Veterans/spouses-caregivers will meet in small groups. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Session- Saturday, October 14th-- Bring your completed Questionnaires--Meet and share your personal information w/ your assigned Attorney. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Session- Completion/Signing of legal documents is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 28th-this will include, meeting w/ your assigned Attorney, Notaries and Witnesses-- which will be provided. At the last session Veterans (spouses/caregivers) will be able to take home their legal documents---ALL at NO COST---FREE!

To Sign Up for the Wills for Vets/Informational Session I, II & III or, if you have any questions, please contact Barbara Diehl, at the Prince William Area Agency on Aging at (703) 792-7175 or email [bdiehl@pwcgov.org](mailto:bdiehl@pwcgov.org)...or Tracy Solomon, [TSolomon@pwcgov.org](mailto:TSolomon@pwcgov.org), our Business Services Analyst.

## JLC Letter on Charitable Gaming

The following are highlights from a letter sent from the JLC to legislators requesting changes to charitable gaming regulations.

The complete letter can be view at : <https://vfw7589.org/JLC.pdf>

**To:** The Joint Study Committee on creation of the Virginia Gaming Commission

### **Proposal from The Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations**

The Joint Leadership Council for Veterans Service Organizations (JLC) requests that the Charitable Gaming Committee provide Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) relief from the charitable gaming regulations.

#### **Discussion:**

The charitable gaming regulations include Charitable Gaming conducted by VSOs that are open to the public such as bingo and raffles. The regulations now also include charitable gaming conducted in the social quarters which are restricted to members.

- **We request the prior regulation requirements be reinstated to allow the use of building operation expenses and capital improvements be charged as part of the 10% requirement.**
- **We request that VSO social quarters be exempted from the proposed regulations.**
- **We request that costs to provide social and recreational activities to members also be allowed to count towards Use of Proceeds [in accordance with IRS guidelines].**

#### **Conclusion:**

VSOs provide significant support to community charities.

For example, using last year's statistics, VFW posts throughout Virginia contributed \$2.1 million and 253,174 hours for a total of an astounding \$9 million in community service. This is a service the Department of Veterans Services or the State didn't have to provide.

The VFW provided \$515,967 in unmet needs grants for veterans that needed a hand up and they provided \$285,171 in scholarships through their Help a Hero, Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen programs. These were numbers for the VFW, and other VSOs would have similar numbers.

While these are impressive numbers and show our commitment to veterans and our communities, it won't be possible if we are not permitted to include our buildings, equipment, utilities, wages, and members in Use of Proceeds from gaming. Charitable gaming is what enables us to fulfill our mission and maintain the infrastructure required. They go hand in hand.



## National Council Report

I have returned from the National Council meeting in Kansas City. I fly in a day early so I can sit through what is offered to the Budget Committee as I am not a member of that committee (I am on the Time and Place Committee which picks National Convention locations), and I cover additional costs, as necessary. I do so to ensure I am as informed as possible, which I feel is something I owe you as your member of the council.

We have some additional items which we discussed and/or voted on. I am offering the information below for that. This is my longest email of the year, so enjoy!

The VFW has an external company handle our annual audit. There was a briefing from the on the normal actions they will take and the items they will focus on which are potential risks to our financial health. We have NO reports of bad behavior, fraud, etc., but we do look for ways where we may want to be better. We will be updated later this year on the results of the audit, but I expect no issues.

We were briefed by our investment advisor. We are conservative in our actions but are doing well over the last three years considering market activity. This included a status on the frozen pension fund (\$50 million), our legacy lifetime membership fund (\$9.8 million), and other investments we hold.

The budget for the 2023-2024 year is \$98.9 million, about \$3 million less than last year. There were two major reductions which account for nearly all of that. One change is the shift our magazine is making (discussed later). The other reduction is from a portion of fundraising that was not making money and we eliminated the expense associated with it. Otherwise, the changes in one place compensate for changes in other places. I voted YES on the budget mindful of the changes made and limits on executive compensation included.

Pay raises for the three top officers were a contentious issue. There will be a 2.9% increase based on the motion I led last year, which replaced a rule that would have meant an increase of over 8%. The Council also gave guidance that we ask for the 2024-2025 salary levels for the national chair officers be frozen at the 2023-2024 level.

I voted YES for that guidance and have written a position paper identifying more appropriate pay levels and detailing why current levels are not based on anything objective. This paper has gained support from members in the Western Conference, and I had several discussions about my paper. I will continue to update you, but I can promise that we are reigning in executive pay.

We continue to look for options on how to add more money to our Service Officer operation. There was an extensive amount of discussion on options, and I brought up cutting the cruise/vacation as part of this. This caused even more discussion and while it was ultimately not supported, it has elevated the need to find more funding. I heard from many about their agreement with me that we need to make this our major focus from a programmatic standpoint.

I seconded a motion to restrict any budget surplus which may happen in the 2022-2023 budget to be added to the restricted investment that funds the grants for Department Service Officer operations and that was adopted. I will support adding any money we can find. There are discussions ongoing with companies who may become supporters of our Service Officer program, and I hope for news soon.

We are also expanding our grant amounts under a two-part plan with the first part being over six years and the second part being an ongoing COLA after that period. Virginia will only benefit under the COLA portion because our grant is already ahead of the 28 states targeted in part one of the plan, and we will still receive more than most of those states even after the increase is implemented. Some restricted funds have been designated to expand and support this increase, and those levels will be supported for over 20 years based on current models, but we will need additional funds to continue after that or to increase the amounts further.

We made some changes to the travel policy which will reign in some of the smaller expenses that people tried to claim in the past. I offered an amendment to standardize some of the changes because changes should be equal across the board as well as realistic and my amendment was adopted.

We are looking at options for marketing in sports and large media markets. This includes establishing an e-sports league and potentially partnering with a driver in the ARCA series of racing. This also includes new advertising in the electronic magazine because we will not have the USPS restrictions which restrict certain types of ads in magazines mailed by non-profits.

Our cornhole tournament at the National Convention was a success with just over \$30,000 being raised for our Service Officer program after expenses. The winner of that tournament was invited to play in a national-level tournament dedicated to the military and veterans and this invitation has also been extended to next year's winner.

Our magazine is shifting to an electronic format. You should have seen the articles about this in recent editions of the magazine. I encourage you to be ready for this. We will have six of the ten editions printed this coming year, four the year after, and we will be fully online after that.

Please let me know if you have any questions or thoughts on any of this. I appreciate your continued support and I look forward to a successful year. The next National Council of Administration meeting is in March during the legislative conference.

Ken Wiseman  
Member, National Council of Administration  
District 10 Commander  
All-American Past State Commander  
VFW Department of Virginia



**SAVE THE DATE!**



Gary & Vicki's



# HOMECOMING



# CELEBRATION

**Join us for great food, live music,  
cornhole, bon fire, smores & more!**

October 14, 2023 at 5pm  
Hillsville VFW

**This is a no alcohol event due to Hillsville  
VFW being a dry post.**

**SATURDAY 14th, OCTOBER, 2023**

**Click on the link below to RSVP**

[Gary, and Vicki's Homecoming / Chicken Stew at VFW 1115 Hillsville, VA Tickets, Sat, Oct 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The VFW Department of Virginia is turning 100 this year and we are celebrating across the state with our members. Come join us at one or all of these locations. We will have food, fun, music, and giveaways. So, RSVP Online at one, or all of these locations. Just click on any of the links you want to attend, to RSVP. We hope to see you there. These events are free to our members. It is you the membership who have made this Department the great organization that it is and it is you the membership we celebrate.

September 16, 2023, Post 1264, Roanoke

[https://VFW\\_VA\\_100\\_Roanoke.eventbrite.com](https://VFW_VA_100_Roanoke.eventbrite.com)

September 23, 2023, Post 4667, Marion

[https://VFW\\_VA\\_100\\_Marion.eventbrite.com](https://VFW_VA_100_Marion.eventbrite.com)



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June 3 Centennial celebration and banquet at the Department Convention in Portsmouth.



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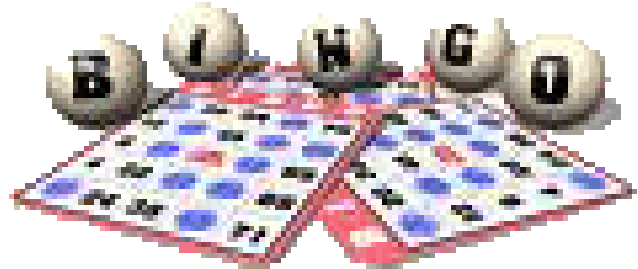
*Purchase tickets via our website -  
FREEDOMMUSEUM.ORG/SOCKHOP*

*or by calling 703-393-0660 (Thurs-Sun)  
or by visiting the museum.*

#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- *Free Swing Lessons*
- *Halloween Costume Contest*
- *Hula Hoop Contest*
- *Generational Trivia Contest*
- *Silent Auction*
- *And much, much more!*

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**Post 7589 Service Officer**  
**Monti Zimmerman**  
**703-223-2211**

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**1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**  
 Confidential chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](https://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:

Annual Payouts:

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

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

## Upcoming Events

September 5	Post meeting — 7:30 PM (Tuesday because of Labor Day holiday)
September 9	Flag Retirement ceremony — 10:00 AM
September 11	Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
September 18	Auxiliary — Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) — Promontory, Utah.
September 21	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
September 30	District School of Instruction — Fredericksburg Post 3103
October 2	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM Post meeting — 7:30 PM
October 7	Manassas Fall Jubilee — 10AM - 5 PM
October 19	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
October 31	Deadline for the VOD, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year contests
November 4	The 15th Annual Northern Virginia Veterans Parade — Old Town Manassas
November 6	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
November 13	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
November 16	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
November 18	District 8 Meeting — Post 7728, Morrisville — 12:00 Noon
November 30	Sponsorship deadline for Wreaths Across America
December 3	Youth awards ceremony — 4:00 PM

# *Have You Ever Served in the U.S. Military?*

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Support for  
Local Veterans &  
their Families

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The Northern Virginia Veterans Association is a non-profit that personally coordinates services for our most vulnerable veterans and spouses, at no cost, to a vast system of community resources addressing needs that support their quality of life.

- Many of our veterans are challenged and cannot efficiently and effectively complete online applications and then follow up with their recommended services
- This may be due to old age, physical conditions, mental health conditions, lack of IT skills and/or devices, or general inability to function at a level sufficient to make it through the application process and keep up with one or multiple appointments
- We provide personal on-going support and follow up to ensure our most vulnerable veterans receive the care and services they have earned and deserve

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**Veteran Quality of Life Cycle®**

One point of entry for local services, resources, personal support, follow-up and care.



Ask About Our Military Culture, Conditions & Healthcare Resources Training for Civilian Medical Providers & Staff

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Trustee 3	Jan Germain
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# MANASSAS BALLET THEATRE 2023-2024 SEASON



## COLIN: SON, MARINE, HERO

Nov. 9, 10 at 7:30 pm  
Nov. 11 at 3:00 pm  
Streaming Begins Nov. 25



Due to overwhelming requests, MBT is proud to once again present this ballet which tells the story of Artistic Director, Amy Grant Wolfe's son, Colin, who enlisted in the Marines and deployed to Iraq, but was killed by a roadside bomb only seven weeks later. Ms. Wolfe developed the ballet in his memory, gaining inspiration by interviewing family, friends, and fellow Marines. The ballet is set to original music composed by Mark Menza and performed by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra. Tickets start at \$25.

## CARMINA BURANA & MORE!

Mar. 8, 9 at 7:30 pm; Mar. 10 at 3:00 pm  
Streaming Begins Mar. 23



Enjoy classical Pas de Deux in Act I, followed by the tantalizing tales of Carmina Burana in Act II. Choreographed by Ahmed Nabil, Manassas Ballet Theatre and Orchestra will collaborate with the Voce Chamber Singers to bring this masterpiece about fortune, the nature of life, and pleasure and peril by Carl Orff to the stage. Tickets start at \$25.

## NUTCRACKER

Evening Performances at 7:30 pm; Dec. 14, 15, 16, 19, 20  
Matinée Performances at 3:00 pm; Dec. 16, 17, 21, 22, 23  
Streaming Begins Dec. 24



Join Clara at her family's Christmas Eve party and see what happens when she receives a magical Nutcracker doll from her favorite uncle. Follow them through the Land of Snow and the palace of the Sugar Plum Fairy and enjoy all the enchanting dances! Live music by the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra helps make MBT's Nutcracker the highlight of the holidays. The pageantry and magic of MBT's Nutcracker is the perfect celebration for all ages. Tickets start at \$35.

## ROMEO & JULIET

May 17, 18 at 7:30 pm; May 18, 19 at 3:00 pm  
Streaming Begins June 1



The season concludes with the ever-romantic tragedy of Romeo & Juliet composed by Sergei Prokofiev. As the Capulets and the Montagues feud, Romeo & Juliet seek to unite in love, but the fighting continues, and their lives are lost. Watch their story unfold with the beautiful dancing set to the live music from the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra. Tickets start at \$25.

**Post 7589 Supports Manassas Ballet Theatre  
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### **SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE**

Since 2007, Wreaths Across America has carried 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, 2023.**

**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 16, 2023 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](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org), or call 877-385-9504.  
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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](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org). If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

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**Please make checks payable to:**  
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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
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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\****

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

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

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