

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589

Manassas, Virginia

October 2012



[Auxiliary National President Leanne Lemley and National Guard Dee Guillory visited the Post on September 13.](#)

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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Fall is swiftly approaching...it is a very busy time of year. We have many activities planned:

- Oct 1st General Membership Meeting @ the Post Home--1930
- Oct 5th Flag Ceremony @ Manassas Park High School
- Oct 6th Fall Jubilee—Old Town Manassas
- Oct 18th Youth Committee Meeting @ the Post Home- 1900
- Oct 19-21 Southern Conference—Williamsburg
- Oct 25th Executive Board Meeting @ the Post Home 1900
- Nov 5th General Membership Meeting @ the Post Home--1930
- Nov 9th Buddy Poppy Drive @ the Gainesville Giant—1400 to 1800
- Nov 10th Greater Manassas Veterans' Day Parade—1100
Recruiting Booth at Harris Pavilion—1200 to 1500
- Nov 11th Veterans' Day Ceremony @ Manassas Veterans Memorial—0830 Honoring the gravesites of Veterans @ Manassas Cemetery—0900
Buddy Poppy Drive @ Wellington Giant—1000 -1400
- Nov 15th Youth Committee Meeting @ the Post Home--1900
- Dec 1st Manassas Christmas Parade—1000
- Dec 2nd District Eight Meeting @ Post 7589--1300
- Dec 3rd General Membership Meeting @ the Post Home—1930
- Dec 7th Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
- Dec 8th 2nd Annual Post Holiday Dinner

As you can ascertain, we are a very busy Post. Naturally, we do need your input and help on the success of these activities.

The Post Home is currently under expansion and we are updating the HVAC. Due to changes in zoning laws, our current HVAC is undersized for the size of the building. Also, the ADA requirements are being updated. Some of the sufficient changes are the

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The members of the Auxiliary and the Post were honored to host a dinner on September 13, 2012 for the VFW Ladies Auxiliary National President Leanne Lemley. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in the planning, the meal preparation and setting up the Post for this event. A special "Thank You" to the members of the American Legion and Ms. Carol Petit for their guidance and cooperation with supplies and preparation of the meal.

The non-profit Wreaths Across America ("WAA") organization has provided the Auxiliary the opportunity again to fundraise for our organization's needs along with helping WAA gather sponsorships for wreaths. We are working with WAA to place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery. We ask for your support because this is a major fundraiser for the Auxiliary. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. Sponsorship forms can be printed from our website www.vfw7589.org or contact Valerie Nealey at 703-368-7636 or jvnealey@verizon.net. To learn more about WAA or if you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.org. Please remember to include our **Sponsoring Group ID No. VAVFW7589 and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT. Cut-Off Date is November 26.**

On Saturday, December 15, WAA ceremonies will take place at 12 Noon. Please join us at Quantico National Cemetery -- all wreaths are placed by volunteers. 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.

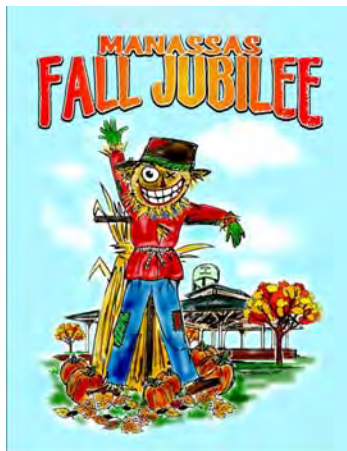
The VFW and Ladies Auxiliary will be participating in the Manassas Fall Jubilee again this year. This will be on Saturday, Oc-

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Join us on October 5 when Post 7589 will present new flags to Manassas Park High School



Last year after receiving a request from Coach Dan Forgress the Post approved the purchase of a new American flag for Manassas Park High School's Stadium. Their flag has become worn and needs to be replaced. The Post purchased a 8 X 12 flag and will also donate a POW/MIA flag based on an additional request. The only thing we were waiting for was a suitable event where we could make the presentation. On September 21 we learned that the school will have its homecoming football game on October 5 and would like the presentation to occur then. We will meet at the MPHS Stadium at 1900 for the presentation at 1930. We encourage Comrades and Sisters to participate. Comrades are encouraged to wear their VFW cover.



The 30th Annual Fall Jubilee, in Historic Old Town Manassas will be held on October 6, 2012 from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. This year's Jubilee will include an assortment of live entertainment for both kids and adults.

The Fall Jubilee is a free community event and is scheduled rain or shine.

VFW Legislative Alert: Urge Senate to Pass Veterans' Jobs Bill Now



On September 21, the Senate failed to pass the *Veterans Jobs Corps Bill* due to budgetary rules and political games. With unemployment among veterans at staggering numbers, time is running out.

As a VFW advocate, we urge you to email or call your senators today and ask them to put together a quality veterans' jobs bill before the end of the year.

Tell them that our nation's veterans are not an election year talking point. Ask them to put party politics aside, reach across the aisle, and build a *Veterans' Jobs Bill* that will help our nation's heroes.

Contact them today - our nations veterans are counting on it!

[Take Action!](#)

<http://capwiz.com/vfw/issues/alert/?alertid=61883421&queueid=8727426856>

Active Military

You can now use email
to cast your absentee
ballot!

Visit www.fvap.gov for details.

Auxiliary National President Leanne Lemley's visits the Post on September 13

The Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Post 7589 hosted National President, Leanne Lemley, who visited Virginia on September 13, 2012. We were honored to have in attendance, Past National Commander in Chief John Smart from New Hampshire, our own National Guard Dee Guillory, Department Line Officers, the Navy Junior ROTC from Osbourn Park High School and a representative from Boy Scout troop 1372. The National President was presented with a proclamation from the Manassas mayor Harry J. (Hal) Parrish II, a flag which was flown over the US Capitol building in her honor and several gifts from other individuals attending the event.







September 21: Ron Knowles, Rod Gillette and Ron Link. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year.

**Need help with filing VA
claims?**

**VA DVS AGENT SERVICE
2nd & 4th THURSDAYS
0900 - 1500**

**Post 7589
9304 Centreville Rd.
Manassas, Virginia**

APPOINTMENTS PLEASE

**703-359-1210
or**

kim.isler@dvs.virginia.gov

Youth Committee Update

By PETE MacLEOD

We are pleased to announce that Bryan Brown, film professor at Northern Virginia Community College will be the featured speaker at the essay contest and teacher of the year Awards Ceremony on Monday, December 10, at 7pm at the Post Home. Please mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend.

The Youth Committee raised \$533.00 at the Yard Sale held on Sept 8 at the Post home. We thank all of you who dropped by and a big thank you to all of you who contributed items for the sale. All of the money raised goes to the essay contest-Teacher of the Year prize fund. Don't forget the Ladies Auxiliary Yard Sale in October.

As we continue to raise money for the prize fund, we will be visiting businesses in the Manassas area this month. If you know of a business that is likely to support us with a check or gift certificate, please give us a call at 703 220-4545. Businesses can purchase ads in our Awards Ceremony Program Booklet.

Every year on Veterans Day week, members of VFW Post 7589 visit local schools like Mayfield Intermediate School, Round Elementary School, Haydon Elementary School, Seton School, and Manassas Christian School. If you would like us to visit a certain school or you would like to speak and possibly show war or VFW pictures, please call 703 220-4545 or the Post at 703 361-5554.

The deadline for the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy essay contests are November 1. There is still plenty of time to enter and it costs nothing. If you know of a young person who is home schooled or whose school does not formally take part in the contests, they can still enter through Post 7589. Just send the essay

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to VFW Post 7589, P.O. Box 10206, Manassas, Va. 20108. You can get all the information by visiting www.vfw.org. Click on Community and then click on Programs on the drop down menu. That will take you to the contest pages and you can print out an entry form. Or you can just call me at 703-220-4545 and I will get you a brochure and entry form.

If you know of a classroom teacher who “goes the extra mile” for his or her students and emphasizes citizenship education and respect for American traditions and history, you can nominate that teacher for VFW Manassas area Teacher of the Year with a 350 word or less essay. There are 3 grade categories: K-5, 6-8, 9-12. Deadline for this is November 1. Brochure/entry forms are available from Post 7589 (703 220-4545) or by printing out an entry form on the national website. Post 7589 had the Va. VFW state Teacher of the Year in grades 9-12 in 2010-2011: Mrs. Anne Carroll of Seton School.

If you are interested in working with young people please join us on the third Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Post Home for our monthly Youth Committee meetings. Currently the active members of the committee are Mary Corkhill, Valerie Nealey and Yvonne Sullivan from the Ladies Auxiliary and Robert Punihaoale, Jerry Martin, Ron Knowles, Ron Link, Sam Nealey and Pete MacLeod from Post 7589.



Francis Cannon Post 7589

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Manassas, VA 20108

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Handicapped parking and ramp will be all concrete and have a nice metal railing; both bathrooms will be updated and a urinal is being added; a water cooler is required and will be installed; the electrical will be brought up to code; and there are two new offices being added. The old office area will become part of the Hall.

Gregory Construction is the general contractor of the project. John Gregory, Charter Commander of the Post, has over seen the project from the beginning and was very helpful in getting the building permit thru the city approval process.

We are hoping to have the Post Open House and dedication of the new look of the Post Home at our Holiday Dinner on December 8th. Look for additional details in future issues.

SWAT THE FLY Yes, every Wednesday morning, the BINGO players are swatting the fly. This is a new progressive game. A \$100.00 minimum with \$100.00 added to the pool. When a player has a BINGO within the minimum number, the player will receive the prize pool plus the weekly prize.

The Post was contacted some time ago by the Manassas Park High School asking us to assist in the replacement of the worn flag at the MPSH Cougar Field Stadium. The Post officers elected to purchase a replacement flag. On October 5th, the Post will perform a Flag Ceremony before the Homecoming Football Game. We can use your help in performing the ceremony.

Do not forget to check into the flu shots. During the flu season, the flu virus seems to affect people of all ages. I know the elderly are especially hard hit by the flu and flu-like illnesses. Protect yourself—it only takes a few minutes; and with most pharmacies offering flu shots—it is easy to do.

Take care and see you at the meetings and/or one of our activities.

Yours in Comradeship — Ron

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tober 6st, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. There will be information about our organization, a raffle and a lot of free things for the children. Please contact me to let me know of your availability to assist us with the booth.

On Saturday, October 13th, inside the Post home will be our annual **Yard Sale** from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM. We will be taking donations along with setting up on Friday, October 12th from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. We will accept baby clothes, small furniture and items that are clean and in good condition.

The **Voice of Democracy** essay based on the 2012-2013 themes: *Is Our Constitution Still Relevant?* is open to high school student's grades 9-12. The **Patriot's Pen** essay theme for 2012-2013 is: **"What I Would Tell America's Founding Fathers"** and open to middle school students from grades 6-8. The **Teacher of the Year** recognizes three exceptional teachers (grades K-5, 6-8 and 9-12) for commitment to teach Americanism and Patriotism to their students. The three categories **DEADLINE** is November 1st. There will be an Education Awards Ceremony on December 10th at 7:00 PM at the Post home.

There will be a Veteran's Day parade on Saturday, November 10th starting at 11:00 am. The Ladies Auxiliary will have a Buddy Poppy drive at the Wellington Giant from 9am-2pm. Please let me know if you will be able to assist with the drive. On Sunday, November 11th we will be laying a wreath at the Manassas Veterans Monument and flags distribution at the Manassas Cemetery. Please come and join us.

Please keep collecting the coupons for the Veterans and Campbell's Soup Labels for the VFW National Home for Children. Please bring them to a meeting or drop them off at the Post Home.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Ladies Auxiliary President



SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

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

The **Francis Cannon Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589** is working with Wreaths Across America to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**.

On **Saturday, December 15, 2012**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 741 locations in the USA and beyond.

Sponsorships are \$15 each. We are participating because we think it is a great program and \$5 of every sponsorship will support the Francis Cannon Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589 directly so we may continue to assist veterans and families as well as our community.

PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 12 Noon at Quantico National Cemetery. This is a moving experience that you should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help our local heroes will be remembered this holiday Season. **How many sponsorships can we count on you for?**

Tax ID 20-8362270

Wreath Sponsorship Form

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: **(Receive our FREE newsletter)** _____

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

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

Sponsoring Group ID Number: VAVFW7589
Cemetery Designation: Quantico National Cemetery
Cemetery ID Number: VAQNCT

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

Cut-Off Date is November 26, 2012

*WAA ceremony will take place at Quantico National Cemetery on
Saturday, December 15 at 12 Noon.*

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

*Please note that all wreaths are sent directly to the location and that wreaths
are not sent to individuals purchasing sponsorships.*

Latest pictures form our Post Home Addition





**YARD SALE
LADIES AUXILIARY
VFW POST 7589
October 13, 2012
7:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Post Home - 9304 Centreville Road
Manassas, VA**

**We will be taking donations at the Post on
Friday, October 12 from 4 to 7 pm**