

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
October 2014

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*Comrade Phil Smith is the caller at a recent Wednesday morning bingo session.*

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## Auxiliary President's Report



I would like to thank the members of the Auxiliary that assisted in the Youth Committee yard sale on September 13<sup>th</sup>. They were: Angela Fromm, Nicole Johnson, Jean MacLeod, Val Nealey, Janet Raskin and Yvonne Sullivan. Without your assistance, the yard sale would not have been a success.

Again this year, the not-for-profit Wreaths Across America ("WAA") organization has provided us the opportunity to have a fundraiser for our organization's needs along with helping WAA gather sponsorships for wreaths. We are working to place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery. We ask for your support because this is a major fundraiser for us. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. Sponsorship forms can be printed from our website at [www.vfw7589.org](http://www.vfw7589.org) or contact Ginger Harvey at 571-641-5350 or [gch1130@aol.com](mailto:gch1130@aol.com). To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit [www.wreathscrossamerica.com](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.com) and remember to include our **Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT**. The **DEADLINE** for the Auxiliary is November 24<sup>th</sup>.

### The schedule for the next three months is listed below:

Oct 4	Annual Fall Jubilee - 10am - 5pm (Post & Auxiliary will attend)
Oct 6	Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:30pm
Oct 16	Youth Committee Meeting - 7pm
Oct 17	Auxiliary Yard Sale Setup - 4 pm to 8 pm
Oct 18	Auxiliary Yard Sale - 7 am to 2 pm
Oct 25	Celebrating America's Freedom/Ft. McHenry, Baltimore, MD
Oct 28-30	National President's Visit (Northern Virginia Area)
Nov 3	Post/Auxiliary Meeting-7:30 pm
Nov 6-9	Southern Conference - Charleston, West Virginia
Nov 8	Buddy Poppy Drive for Auxiliary - Giant at Wellington Shopping Center - 9-2
Nov 8	Veterans Day Parade 11:00 am Line up 9:00
Nov 11	Veterans Day Activities - 8:30 am Manassas Veterans Memorial
Nov 21	Youth Committee Mtg. - 7 pm
Nov 22	District 8 meeting, Remington, VA (7728) 1:00
Nov 24	Wreaths Across America Fundraiser deadline

Dec 1	Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30 pm (Auxiliary Meeting at a local restaurant)
Dec 6	Christmas Parade - 10:00am (VFW & Auxiliary TBD)
Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
Dec 7	VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher Awards/Refreshments - 4:00 pm
Dec 11	Assisting Living (Gifts for Veterans Day or Christmas) (TBD)
Dec 13	Wreaths-Across-America - Quantico Cemetery - Noon
Dec 19	Youth Committee Meeting - 7pm

On Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am - 5:00pm, the Comrades and the Ladies Auxiliary will again be participating in the Manassas Fall Jubilee. As in years past, this annual event gives us the opportunity to meet and greet the public and pass out information about our organization and programs. We will have some freebies and will be running a raffle. Please contact me 703/361-8950 or [mcorkhill@comcast.net](mailto:mcorkhill@comcast.net) to let me know your availability to assist in helping at the booth.

The Auxiliary will be holding another Yard Sale on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 7am-2pm. We will be taking donations from now until Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm. Please bring you items to the Post or call me at 703/361-8950. If you know of anyone who is giving away items please let me or any member of the Auxiliary know and we will arrange for pick up. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Another fundraiser is in the planning stage. We will be working with Chili's in Gainesville to raise funds to assist our Veterans with the work we do for them. The scheduled day will be October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-10pm. Please come and join in the fun. Several Auxiliary members will be there to greet you for dinner.

The National Home for Children provides housing and support services to struggling military and veteran families from across the nation at their 70-acre campus village in southern Michigan. In order to assist the VFW National Home for Children, we are collecting Campbell's soup. Please save the **UPS code** and give them to any member of the Auxiliary or bring them to the Post. Thank you in advance for your participation.

As always, for individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, you are in our prayers.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
Ladies Auxiliary President



## Youth News and Notes

By Pete MacLeod—Youth Committee Chair



A big welcome to the Youth Committee's newest member Nick Londino, a Vietnam veteran from Dumfries. Nick has an interest in the U.S. Constitution that we should all have and he will probably be visiting some area schools to talk about the document that still governs our great country.

A huge hello to Ms. Erin Karicher, a sixth grade teacher at Mayfield Intermediate School in Manassas. She and her students will be taking part in the Patriot's Pen essay contest this Fall.

If you would like to be part of the annual Veterans Day school visits by VFW Post 7589 this year, please contact me at 703 220-4545 or any member of the Youth Committee. We will likely be scheduling visits for the week of November 3 and possibly for Monday, November 10. The students are likely to ask you anything, and I mean ANYTHING! But I guarantee you will have fun and be amazed at the knowledge today's young people exhibit. We also have a power point presentation about the Post that will be used during some of the visits.

The committee raised \$668.05 at the annual Youth Yard Sale in September. I want to thank members of the Ladies Auxiliary including Nicole Johnson, Yvonne Sullivan, Janet Raskin, Jean MacLeod and the Auxiliary

President Mary Corkhill for their long hours of help. And Officer of the Day Robert Punihaole and Trustee Terry Bursey who led the help from Post 7589.

It is never too late to enter the VFW essay contests or to nominate a teacher for Teacher of the Year. The deadline is November 1, still about a month to go. Any Virginia private or public school student or home schooled student can enter Voice of Democracy or Patriot's Pen through Post 7589. Call me anytime or email me at [jeanandpetermacleod@verizon.net](mailto:jeanandpetermacleod@verizon.net) and I will get you a brochure/application, there is no cost to enter. And every student who enters gets a certificate from Post 7589 and a pen.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 pm at Post Headquarters, for our annual Awards Ceremony!

### 2014 Voice of Democracy Theme

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

### 2014 Patriot's Pen theme

“Why I Appreciate America's Veterans.”

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
NOVEMBER 1, 2014**

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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade is this coming November 8, 2014

By Comrade Jack Lilley

The annual parade honors all United States Veterans who have served honorably in defense of our Nation.

This years parade especially honors those who served in Operation Enduring Freedom from October 7, 2001 through the present time and Operation Iraqi Freedom from March 20, 2003 to December 15, 2011.

The Grand Marshal, Sergeant Faris J. Amra USMC Re-

tired, is a local veteran. He sustained a terrible injury in Afghanistan losing his right leg below the knee in the explosion of a roadside bomb while on patrol from his unit in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment and serving as an automatic rifleman and patrol leader.

Be a part of the parade by marching with our VFW Post 7589. We will meet at the Post at 1000 that morning.

## Local Manassas Area WWII Army Veteran Killed In Action Remains Found After 70 Years ---- Interment set for October 3.

By Comrade Paul Locigno



Pfc. Richard Norris Bean's remains after 70 years were discovered in August, 2013, by Kuentai (<http://www.kuentai-usa.com>), a Japanese non-profit organization who searches the Pacific to return soldiers remains; discovered Richard's remains in a shallow grave on Saipan, along with Japanese soldiers. He was killed in action on July 7, 1944. Since the discovery, the U.S. Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (<http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo>) has overseen all aspects of the important processes, including the DNA testing confirmation with Richard Bean, his nephew.

Pfc. Bean, born in 1919 in Prince William County, Virginia. He was age 24 years old at the time of his death. Richard was the son of the late Richard N. Bean of Virginia and Rosie (Snyder) Bean of West Virginia. Like millions of American youth of this period, Richard was a product of the Great Depression. As a result, he only had the opportunity to gain a 5<sup>th</sup> grade elementary education. To help provide for his family's basic food and shelter he became a farm laborer, working long back-breaking hours during the planting and harvest seasons while living on Alleghany Street, in Blacksburg, Montgomery County, Virginia. He was Roman Catholic. He is survived by his 78 year old younger brother and approximately 26 nephews and nieces.

Responding to President Roosevelt's call during the

National Emergency of 1941 for mobilization against the growing Nazi threat, Richard enlisted in the United States Army on September 4, 1941 in Roanoke, Virginia, approximately three months prior to Pearl Harbor. His unit was one of the first Division's deployed to fight in the Pacific Campaign. Richard participated in combat operations landing in the Marshall Islands, prior to his landing on Saipan.

Pfc. Bean was a member of Company D, 1st Battalion, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division. The 1st and 2nd Battalion of 105 Infantry Regiment lost 658 members during the 3,300 strong, swords wielding Japanese Banzai attack, nearly wiping out both Army battalions. PFC Bean's extreme foxhole frontal perimeter location was directly on the main line of the Japanese suicide attack. Confirmed Japanese deaths were placed at 2,295. Also found in Pfc. Bean's foxhole were remains of multiple fallen Japanese soldiers. Pfc. Bean stood ground in the face of overwhelming enemy superiority.

His service awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal, American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, World War II Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was posthumously promoted to Sergeant.

Commenting on the Veterans organization effort, nephew Richard Bean offered; "the Bean Family is eternally gratefully by the outpouring of area veteran's support. It has been a most humbling experience to witness how veterans take ownership of their fallen brothers, even after 70 years."

American Legion Post 10 Commander Lee Purser stated; "We wish to thank VFW [Post] 7589 and all the other area VSA's who have unselfishly contributed to this collective effort. We are profoundly grateful as a nation that one more of our country's fallen has been return home".

Funeral Services with full military honors will be held Oct. 3, at 12:30 pm at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, Va. (<http://www.piercefh.com>) followed by interment in Quantico National Cemetery, Located at 18424 Joplin Road, Triangle, VA. (<http://>

## Volunteers sought for American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial



The National Park Service is seeking veterans to volunteer at the new American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial from its grand opening on Oct. 5 through Veterans Day. Envisioned are mid-morning and mid-

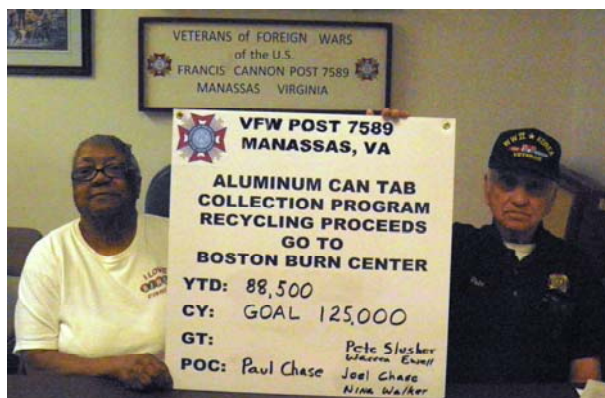
afternoon programs each day hosted by a park ranger who'll provide a short orientation of the Memorial, describe the symbolism behind its key features, and then extend an opportunity for guests and volunteers to share their own stories.

To volunteer, contact NPS Ranger Mark Morse at (202) 425-1478 or via e-mail at [mark\\_morse@nps.gov](mailto:mark_morse@nps.gov). The new Memorial is located at the foot of Capitol Hill on the House side, at the trisection of 2nd and C Streets and Washington Avenue, SW. Closest Metros are Federal Center and Capitol South (Orange, Blue and Silver Lines).

## Aluminum Tab Collection Program Update

By Comrade Paul Chase

Nina Walker and Pete Slusher are THE KING AND QUEEN of the VFW Post 7589 Aluminum Can Tab Collection Program. Between them, they have contributed over 25,000 tabs. Their efforts show what can be accomplished with dedication and a little effort. We started this program in April 2014 and are now at the six month milestone. We want to crush our one year goal of 125,000, so maximum effort by everyone is important. We continue to expand our network of contributors, so spread the word. The need for the services of the Boston Burn Center is endless, so we are making this effort a permanent VFW Post 7589 Community Service program.



## Criminals or Victims?

By Comrade Paul Chase

In the September 21, 2014 issue of the Washington Post a front page article indicated that studies have linked veterans with PTSD to an increase in criminal behavior. It stated that veterans with PTSD are seven times more likely to commit crimes than those who are not afflicted.

A September 24<sup>th</sup> Letter to the Editor set the record straight with the following statistics:

1. Veterans have fewer psychotic disorders than non-veterans.
2. While there have been great increases in incarceration

rates in the civilian population, the rate for veterans has declined.

3. The incarceration rates for male veterans in state and federal prisons is less than half of non-veterans.

PTSD is real and needs to be treated, however, it does not define us for who we are. Articles that imply that veterans are somehow scarred and damaged do a great disservice to those who, along with their families, continue to uphold our Nation's honor and keep us safe.



(L-R) Dan Boyer (Joint Leadership Council Vice Chair, Department of VA), Ms. Rosie Heiss (Defense Fellow in Senator Warner's office), Monti Zimmerman (CDR VFW-1811 Manassas Park) and Pete MacLeod (SVC VFW-7589 Manassas)

September 26, 2014

Dear Mr. Raskin:

Thank you for contacting me about the federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I appreciate hearing from you.

The VFW's federal charter was signed in 1936 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and qualifies the purpose, powers, and membership of the association. Since its establishment, there have been several proposals to amend the language of the charter so that it more representative of today's military.

On September 9, 2014, Senator Bernie Sanders introduced S. 2782, a bill to improve the Federal charter for the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. It would amend the charter by replacing "men" with "veterans," and inserting "surviving spouses" in place of widows. The VFW passed a resolution approving these changes at this year's National Convention. I am proud to be a cosponsor of this legislation, which more accurately reflects our service members and veterans.

As I have traveled throughout the Commonwealth I have had the honor of meeting many disabled service members and veterans and remain forever grateful for the sacrifices they have made for our freedom. We have a responsibility to support these servicemembers and our commitment to them must not end when they return home. Please be assured I will keep your views in mind should this legislation be considered in the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tim Kaine'.

Tim Kaine

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

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

TICKETS: at [www.hyltoncenter.org](http://www.hyltoncenter.org)  
or 888-945-2468  
\$45, \$35, \$25, \$15  
(regular prices)

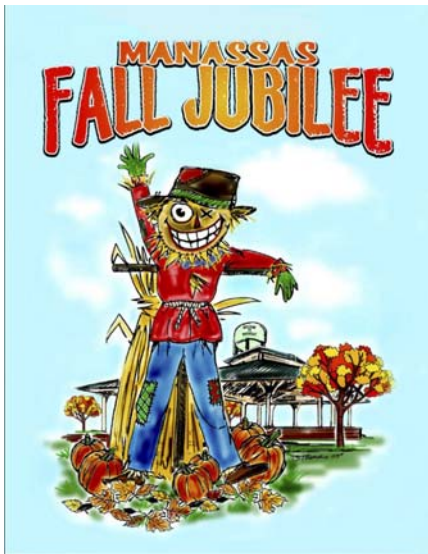
This poignant ballet tells the very personal story of Colin J. Wolfe, the Marine son of Manassas Ballet Theatre's artistic director, Amy Grant Wolfe, who lost his life in Iraq.

[www.manassasballet.org](http://www.manassasballet.org)  
for information

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

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

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



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

The Post and the Auxiliary will have a booth.

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

## Upcoming Events

- Oct 3** Services for SGT Richard Bean—WWII — Remains recovered on Saipan.  
Pierce Funeral Home—Visitation 1130, Funeral 1230, 1400 Interment at Quantico National Cemetery followed by a reception at American Legion Post 10.
- Oct 4** Manassas Fall Jubilee
- Oct 6** General Membership Meeting -- 1930
- Oct 16** Youth Committee Meeting -- 1900
- Oct 18** Ladies Auxiliary Yard Sale
- Oct 26—30** Auxiliary — National President's visit to Northern Virginia
- Nov 3** General Membership Meeting -- 1930
- Nov 8 - 11** Veteran's Day Weekend: Manassas Veteran's Parade, Buddy Poppies and Ceremonies
- Nov 22** District 8 Meeting - Post 7728 - Rt. 17 & Rt. 836, Morrisville -- 1300
- Dec 1** General Membership Meeting -- 1930
- Dec 7** Pearl Harbor Day  
Education Awards -- 1400



October 18: Ladies Auxiliary  
VFW 7589  
9304 Centreville Rd.  
Manassas, VA



Francis Cannon Post 7589  
P.O. Box 10206  
Manassas, VA 20108



# CHILI'S IS PROUD TO SUPPORT VFW Auxillary Post 7589

Let Chili's do the cooking while we support VFW Auxillary Post 7589 at the same time. With each flyer presented on October 23, 2014 Chili's will donate up to 20% of the sales of the event day sales back to this great organization.

The VFW Auxillary Post 7589 Give Back Event is:

October 23, 2014

from 11am to 10pm

only at:

Chili's - Gainesville

4995 Wellington Road

Gainesville, VA 20155

- [www.chilis.com](http://www.chilis.com)

We look forward to seeing you at Chili's!



more GIVING BACK happens here

Give Back Event: Flyer required with each check to receive credit for the sale. Tax correct be included in check/cashier with all flyers. Offer only valid on the attached location stated above. Donations will not be given on sales made prior to or past this date.





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](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org)

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (To receive our FREE email newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Please make checks payable to:**  
 Wreaths Across America TM

**Mail to:**  
**PO Box 249**  
**Columbia Falls, ME 04623**  
**Questions? Please call 877-385-9504**

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

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

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



### **SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE**

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

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

On **Saturday, December 13, 2014**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 741 locations in the USA and beyond.

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

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