

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
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Post Commander's Report

Pete MacLeod



I was attending Virginia First District Congressman Rob Wittman's Vietnam Veterans event on August 29 at the Little Hall Theater at Quantico and a young college student asked me what it was like to come home from the Vietnam War. For me, that was August, 1971. I said most of us just tried to keep our mouths shut and attempt to meld back into civilian life. There certainly were no parades or "recognition events" back then.

In fact, Congressman Wittman's event was the closest thing to an official "thank you" that I have ever received and he and his staff, especially Karen Klotz in the Stafford office, deserve all the credit in the world for putting it on. They had to overcome the usual summer vacations, a geographically huge district, and the inevitable email mistakes and bureaucratic blockades to make it happen.

What I liked best about the entire event was the simplicity of it. There were no long winded speeches from politicians, no "award winning" videos, and no promises of jobs and richer benefits. We are all too old now for that sort of thing anyway.

Instead the emphasis was on the veterans and there were more than 100 of us on hand; some in wheelchairs, some on crutches and some who, sad to say, had lost some of their mental capacities. In fact, Jerry Martin from our VFW Post 7589, a former Post commander here, accompanied one veteran and made sure he was OK until the ceremony ended.

It was standard military "hurry up and wait" as we lined up in alphabetical order in the lobby of the theater. You know, even though it was tedious and confusing, that added something because it brought back memories of the many lines we all stood in back in the day. Most of us had name tags and some mention of where we had served in Vietnam and what unit we had been with. Instant conversations were started!

We marched in to music and applause from a large crowd and many Marines and "Young Marines." We sat on the right side of

the theater and listened to two of the best tributes to what "we tried to do over there" that I have ever heard. If you ever run into Lt. General Ron Christmas USMC (Retired) or Command Sergeant Major Jimmie Spencer USA (Retired) tell them they both hit home runs that day as they gave short and to the point talks about military service in places like Vietnam.

Then the best part. We all marched up front, one by one, and received a medal and a certificate from Congressman Wittman's Congressional Office. As we shook Wittman's hand we had a photo taken and our names were read and pronounced correctly to applause. Everything was first class.

The certificate read "In Commemoration of your courageous military service to the United States of America in the Vietnam War." And that's what it was all about even in the latter stages of the war when everyone became too cynical. The guys I went over to Southeast Asia with on Labor Day weekend, 1970, despite the brave talk, grousing about conditions, etc., etc. I think every one of us was there because we wanted to serve our country in some way. And the guys I served with in the U.S. Army's 525th Military Intelligence Unit in Qui Nhon did their jobs as well as they could and did everything that was asked of them.

And thanks to the people at Quantico on August 29 for the "thank you."



Commander Pete MacLeod and Quantico Post 7916 Commander Chuck Wilson at the Vietnam Ceremony on August 29th.

Unpaid Member Drive — October 13

Reach out to an unpaid member

On October 13 we'll be having a mass calling effort at the Post Home from 6—8:30 PM, directed towards getting unpaid members to renew their membership in the VFW. We'll divide our unpaid list among the volunteers who will then attempt to get renewal commitments for those they contact. Quartermaster Raskin will be on hand to handle the renewal process once a commitment has been obtained.

The task is really easy; simply approach the former member and let them know how valuable their membership is to the organiza-

tion. We'll provide talking points but the most effective way is simply to ask them why they let their membership lapse and have a one on one conversation about renewing.

A sign-up sheet will be available at our membership meeting on October 5 but you can simply contact Commander MacLeod (703-220-4545) or Quartermaster Raskin (703) 369-2732 if you cannot make the meeting.

We ask that you please bring a mobile phone as we only have one phone line at the Post.

Our membership is our strength.

Auxiliary President's Report



I am saddened to report a VFW Auxiliary member, Laura Wilkinson lost her battle to cancer and went to her heavenly home on September 15th. Please keep her family in your prayers.

The VFW and Auxiliary will be participating in the Manassas Fall Jubilee on October 3rd from 10am-5pm. 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 raf-

fle. Please contact me 703/361-8950 or mcorkhill@comcast.net to let me know your availability to assist in helping at the booth. Thank you in advance.

Our next Yard Sale is scheduled for October 10th from 7am – 2pm. We will be receiving donations on Friday, October 9th from 4pm to 8pm. Please attend to see all the neat things we will have.

The Department Commander's & President's Homecoming will be held on November 14th in Norfolk, VA at Post 4808. The address is 5728 Barteet Street. Please come and join in the fun. A week after that event will be the Southern Conference in Savannah, GA. If you wish to attend, please let me know and I will provide you with the information.

The 8th District meeting on November 14th has been relocated from Southern Fauquier Post 7728 to Fredericksburg Post 3103. Per the request of the District membership, lunch for this and all future District meetings will be served at noon before the 1:00pm meeting. We will still have a raffle to assist in our Veterans programs. The District meeting on February 20th will be at Southern Fauquier Post 7728.

For the past few months, I have been telling you about the not-for-profit Wreaths Across America (WAA) organization that 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. Every year the number of attendees grows from the previous year. It was estimated there were over 2,000 in December of 2014. 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 or contact Ginger Harvey at 571-641-5350 or gch1130@aol.com. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit www.wreathscrossamerica.com and remember to include our **Sponsoring Group ID No. VA0040P and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT. DEADLINE is November 27th**. The application is on the website under Auxiliary.

While attending the National President's Homecoming, the Facility Manager from National Home for Children addressed the Council of Administration. Mr. Todd spoke about the Pond Res-

toration Project. During his speech, he informed us about the silt accumulation and that the pond needs to be dredged. This silt is similar to quicksand and if anyone jumps into the pond and goes to the bottom they will find it difficult to pull themselves out. If you wish to participate in this fundraiser for the National Home, you can send your check to the National Home for Children at 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. Please earmark your check for the "Pond Restoration Project".

Our project for collecting Campbell Soup labels is still in effect and you may give them to any Auxiliary member. Those labels are being used to purchase another van. And as always, thank you for your assistance.

Please keep all individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers.

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Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President

Service Officer' Report



Veterans Day 2015 is right around the corner and the work we have to assist you and all who served continues to grow. We continually assist veterans both young and old. Some from service as far back as WWII and others just recently discharged from military service.

The common denominator(s) we are finding is that the benefits they have earned and are eligible for are many times confusing and sometimes difficult to understand. For example we have been assisting many veter-

ans and their families recently with veterans pensions and aid & attendance requests.

As many veterans get older they may require the need for some type of family and/or other outside assistance for daily living needs. The VA has a program called aid & attendance which may help the veteran and/or his family with financial cost of having to provide care including perhaps necessary outside care.

Please do not hesitate to ask about this assistance to you. You've earned it and we can help you file for it to see if you qualify.

We are in need of two more persons to step up and volunteer to become Veteran Service Officers. Please do consider volunteering yourself for this role. We will provide all the training and information you need to be successful with helping your fellow

veterans.

Our Service Officer program also exists to help and serve all veterans here in the Manassas/ Prince William area. If you know of a veteran in need please contact us and let us know.

Our number one goal is providing the best service to our veterans and their families.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of our Veteran Service Officers and find out just what they can do for you! They are myself and:

Stephen Meade 1-703-408-0875 Email: so2@vfw7589.org

Our goal is simple here. We want to take care of all our veterans with the greatest level of service that our resources will allow. Thank you for your service!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach us at our VSO phone line of: 1-703-659-0849 or Email: so@vfw7589.org Thank you.

Steven M. Botello

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Notes from the trenches

by Paul Chase



The best commentators and news persons cannot make sense of the drama unfolding at the end of this month regarding the Government Budget and sequestration so I will not attempt to add anything except to say stay tuned and see what happens and hold accountable at the ballot box those responsible for the mess that happens. Don't make the mistake of ignoring it! It will impact all of us, possibly badly.

A subset of the above is the issue of Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for dual service members residing in off base housing. At the present time both receive their BAH for their grades. The initiative of the budget hawks is to delete the lower BAH of married military couples living in off base housing.

The Department of Defense assigns each branch of the services to serve as advocates for various issues. The Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James has been assigned to defeat the outrage of deleting dual BAH. What's next from these people - denying retirement to the member of the lesser grade of married military couples?

To make this outrage difficult to defeat is the fact that these budget hawks who have never served in uniform, whose kids have never or will never serve in uniform have buried the initiative into the overall DOD budget. So it becomes a matter of stalling or killing the whole DOD budget (fat chance) or living with the outrage.

Secretary James is a fighter of exceptional ability and resolve. We wish her success in this very important endeavor which effects all Branches of the Armed Services.

Tab Collection Update

The tab collection program keeps going with twists and turns. Like the three jugs that showed up at the Post from Leo Stoltz. Turns out he read about the program in the Post Newsletter and told Sister Lillian Normand from a Bristow Convent who collected the three jugs of tabs with

more coming, including a jug **mailed** from Nebraska by an individual who learned of the project from Leo and Sister Normand. Like the three jugs that were provided by the Hampton Inn in Manassas just a day and a half after I dropped off a jug there. Joel and I spent three hours distributing more jugs in Haymarket, Gainesville and Manassas and determining which should be pulled for non performance. We've placed about 35 jugs into the community with about 5 withdrawn for non performance and re-inserted to other candidate locations. The majority of the jugs have been in the community fairly recently so it is too soon to determine whether they will be productive. Letters of appreciation have been and will continue to be sent to those who are strong performers. I submitted an on-line report of my and Joel's work on the project. There were some businesses which refused to take our jugs, but they were in the minority.

Spotlight on Dave Gill



There are those who look for excuses to avoid service to their community and its veterans and those who seek opportunities to contribute and honor the sacrifices of veterans. Dave Gill is one of the latter, very much to our benefit. Forty one years ago Dave married his wife Ruth a Flight Attendant in Hawaii while he was stationed there as a U.S. Govern-

ment auditor. During the early 1970s as a GAO auditor he primarily did audit work on U.S. military installations in the Pacific so he was no stranger to men and women in uniform. After Dave's retirement, Rick Raskin a neighbor of his, asked if he would be interested in assisting in Post 7589 Bingo work. Dave jumped at the opportunity to serve which is very much in his bedrock character. Dave has since been a reliable and trustworthy contributor to the Post Bingo program, which is hard work! Dave also wanted to use this as a way to honor the sacrifices of two High School buddies who were killed in Vietnam and express his appreciation to his uncle who served in the trenches in WWI and his father-in-law who served in the U.S. Military occupation of Post WWII Japan. Dave also met up with his brother in the Philippines who was an evacuation nurse for those wounded in RVN.

Dave your help and dedication to the Post 7589 Bingo program is treasured and greatly appreciated. You are a true Buddy and "Comrade" of ours.

Virginia Joins the VFW Action Corps

Ken Wiseman
Department Judge Advocate

Since our founding in 1899, one of the major focus areas for the VFW has been legislative activism. At the state's Fall Council of Administration meeting a motion was unanimously passed to add every member of the Department of Virginia with a listed email to the VFW's Action Corps.

The Action Corps is the VFW's national grassroots advocacy network comprised of more than 45,000 VFW members and patriotic supporters of veterans. Members of the VFW Action Corps stay up-to-date on the issues facing our veterans, our military and their families, standing ready to email, write, call and visit our nation's lawmakers to make their voices heard. The VFW Action Corps is free and open to all patriotic Americans who care about the military and veterans' communities. Action Corps members receive the Action Corps Weekly, an easy-to-read electronic newsletter that highlights the VFW's advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and immediate access to a nationwide database of contact information for all elected officials.

However, an important part of this program are the "Action Alerts" telling members how they can get involved when our

Wills for Veterans program underway

The Prince William Agency on Aging, in partnership with the Prince William Bar Association and VFW Post 7589 (with support from Prince William area veteran groups) is sponsoring a "Wills for Veterans" Program.

The Prince William Bar Association will draft Last Will and Testaments, Power of Attorneys, and Medical Directives for the Veterans (and their spouses) of Prince William County—FREE.

The first meeting, an informational session on September 19 was held at the Post home. Those who participated will later attend additional sessions where they will meet with an attorney to go draft their own personal documents followed by another session where signing, notarization and witnessing will take place.

Sixty-four veterans and spouses attended the four separate sessions at Post 7589 on September 19 conducted by attorneys from the Prince William Bar Association. Barbara Diehl the coordinator, Building Manager Wayne Moore, and Post Commander Peter MacLeod were on hand all day as hosts.

nation's veterans, service members, and their families need their voices heard on Capitol Hill. State Judge Advocate Ken Wiseman, who also serves as the Action Corps Manager as a member of our National Legislative Service staff in Washington, D.C. highlighted the importance of these alerts. "Action Corps members are the lions roar for the VFW. More than 30,000 emails were sent which pressured Congress to repeal COLA penalties for military retirees and more than 15,000 emails helped protect the Purple Heart's dignity and stature when Pentagon tried to establish a new medal." Ken further cited the importance of the Action Corps with the unanimous vote of the House of Representatives to protect tuition assistance for those still in the military. "VFW members made that happen by bombarding Congressional offices with emails and no other advocacy organization of any type can say that".

The VFW Action Corps is what gives the VFW its strength in advocating for our nation's heroes. Working hand-in-hand with the VFW's National Legislative Service -- whose office is in eye-shot of the Capitol dome in Washington -- members of the VFW Action Corps are armed with all of the tools and information they need to help the VFW in its mission to support our nation's veterans. State Judge Advocate Ken Wiseman summed it up best: "Virginia now has more Action Corps members than any other state. Virginia's veterans vote and an email from the Action Corps today is a reminder that Congress will be held accountable on Election Day."



An attorney from the Prince William Bar Association conducts an introductory session on September 19.

A special thanks to realtors Frank Degaray and John Engel from Homes for Heroes in Haymarket who volunteered their time and provided a free catered meal.

Vietnam Statistics

They're more than just numbers

Joel Chase

Chaplain, Post 7589

Approximately 2.7 million Americans participated in the Vietnam War. The average age of living Vietnam veterans is 70-plus. We have become the standard bearers of most leadership positions within the VFW, and we need younger veterans to step up to take charge as our ranks are depleted. We absolutely MUST recruit the next generation of leaders for our organization or the VFW will be at risk of foundering in future years.

There are 58,267 names listed as killed or missing during the war. The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon who is listed as killed on June 8, 1965. His Marine Corps son Richard B. Fitzgibbon III was killed on Sept. 7, 1965. Three sets of fathers and sons died during the Vietnam War; 39,996 personnel were 22 or younger with the largest age group of 8,283 at 19 years old; 33,103 were 18 years old, 12 soldiers were 17 years old, and 5 soldiers were 16 years old. PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam and 1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam. 31 sets of brothers were killed in Vietnam. 31 sets of parents lost two of their sons in Vietnam. 8 American women died in Vietnam nursing the wounded. 244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them were killed in action.

West Virginia had the highest per capita casualty rate per capita in the nation with 711 names etched into the granite of the Vietnam Memorial. In the town of Morenci, AZ (pop 5,058), nine Morenci High graduates enlisted in the Marine Corp as a group. Only 3 returned home alive. The most casualty deaths in a single day was on January 31, 1968 - 245 died. The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 incurred.

For some who read this they will only see the numbers the Vietnam War created. To those who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers represent. We are, until we too pass away, haunted by these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. God Bless all our fallen comrades and welcome home to those who have served.

There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.



Flag Retirement Ceremony with Cub Scout Pack 1355



Cub Scouts from Pack 1355 assist with our flag retirement ceremony on September 12. Ten Scouts were present for the event.

Auxiliary member Jean MacLeod presents instruction about the flag. Service Officer Steve Botello observes.



VFW Holds Fall Legislative Conference in Washington, DC:

VFW members stormed Capitol Hill [on Sept. 23] to communicate our legislative agenda to Congress. More than 70 members of the VFW National Legislative Committee and VFW leadership met with their Senators and Congressman to give their perspective on issues affecting veterans, the military and their families. These included implementation of the Veterans Choice Act, employee accountability, the claims backlog and eliminating the one percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment penalty for future members of the military. At the top of the list on the VFW agenda was ending sequestration, the arbitrary spending caps imposed by the Budget Control Act, which is harming DOD and could potentially threaten VA. Although most members of Congress told VFW members that they oppose sequestration, no bipartisan plan to balance the budget and bring an end to the spending caps has been introduced. All VFW members and supporters are strongly encouraged to continue the momentum of the conference by contacting your Senators and Congressmen to let them know what they can do to keep faith with veterans and service members. To learn more about VFW priority goals and talking points, visit: <http://www.vfw.org/VFW-in-DC/National-Legislative-Service/>. To read the VFW's statement, click here: <http://www.vfw.org/News-and-Events/Articles/2015-Articles/Sequestration,-Budget,-Veterans-Top-VFW-Legislative-Agenda/>.

Our Care Report:

On [Sept. 22], the VFW released its report on veterans' options, preferences and expectations when seeking health care entitled "Our Care." The report is part of the VFW's commitment to ensuring the dialogue surrounding the future of the VA health care system is based on the needs and preferences of the brave men and women it was designed to serve, not political rhetoric. Among other things, the report evaluates why the majority of eligible veterans prefer to use their earned VA health care benefits despite having other health care options. The report also includes ten conclusions that must be considered when reforming the VA health care system. To learn more and read the report, click here: <http://www.vfw.org/News-and-Events/Articles/2015-Articles/VFW-Report--Veterans-Prefer-VA-Care/>.

Grants to Reduce Veterans Homelessness:

[The] VA announced the award of \$4 million in funding offered through the Grant and Per Diem Program to 21 community agencies currently serving homeless veterans. For more information on VA's Grant and Per Diem program, visit: <http://www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.ASP>.

VFW Post 7589/Auxiliary Youth Report

This is the busiest time of the year for the Youth Committee at Post 7589 as we distribute Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay contest, Teacher of the Year and Patriotic Art applications to the schools in the Manassas area. The one thing we need that money won't buy is help from the members of the Post and the Auxiliary.

Our next Youth meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7:00 pm at the Post and you can also sign up to help at the General Membership Meeting on Monday, October 5, at 7:30 pm.

Here is what is on our plate in the days ahead: distribution of the contest brochures and applications, picking up the entries before the essay contest deadline of November 1, judging the entries between Nov. 1 and Nov. 14, speaking to students at area schools during Veterans Week (Nov 5-13), working with Scouts during our ceremonies and cemetery flag placements on Nov. 11 beginning at 8:30 am, the Awards Ceremony set for 3:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 6 at the Post, and fundraising for our prizes. If you want to get involved now, call the Commander at 703 220-4545 or call the Vice Commander at 703 361-5554.

So far the schools taking part in our VFW essay contests include Seton School, Manassas Christian School, Metz Middle School and Parkside Middle School. We need more! We also need individual Virginia students and home schooled students. They can enter through our Post as long as they attend school or are home schooled in Virginia. We have applications for them or you can print the application from the VFW national website at www.vfw.org There is no cost to enter the VFW youth contests.

We had a very successful Flag Retirement ceremony at the Post on Saturday, Sept. 12, disposing of more than 300 American flags. 10 Cub Scouts and leaders from Pack 1355 in Manassas were present along with parents. A big thank you to Quartermaster Rick Raskin and Building Manager Wayne Moore for logistical support and advice like "where to find the barrel" and "how do you unlock the storage shed?" And thanks to the Manassas Fire Dept. and Police Dept. for keeping a watch on things. A big thank you to Service Officer Steve Botello for being present and showing everyone how to use kerosene to start a fire. A thank you to Auxiliary member Jean MacLeod for conducting a 30 minute Flag Education program for the Scouts and the rest of us. And Thank You to Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and member Janet Raskin for on site help and encouragement.

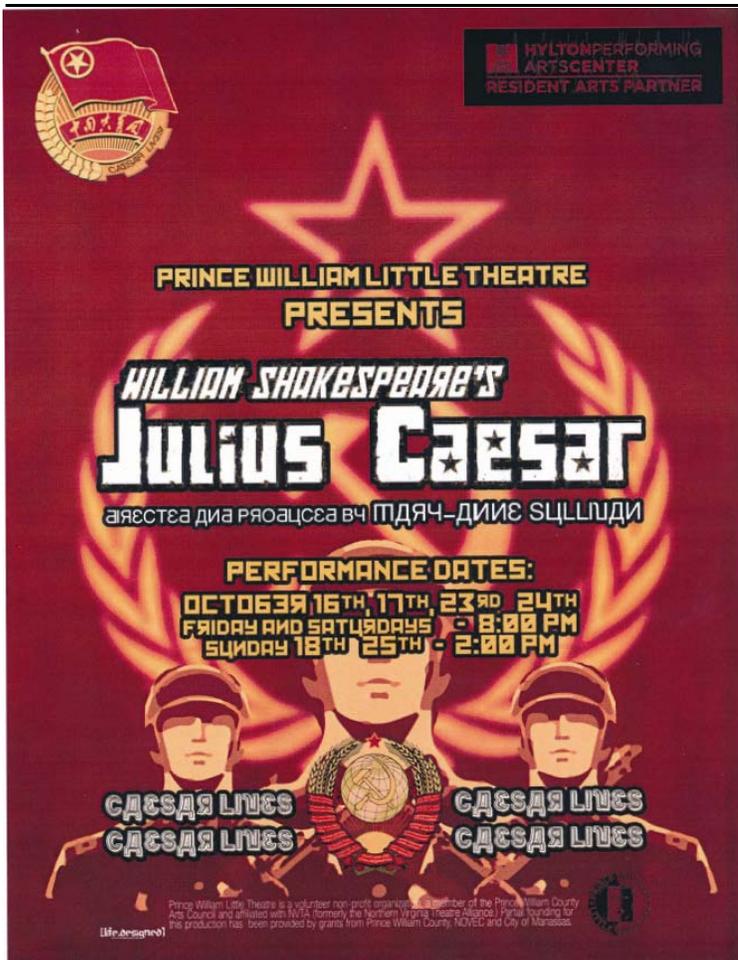
Pete MacLeod

To sign up new veterans' advocates, click here:
<http://capwiz.com/vfw/mlm/signup.htm>

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A limited number of complimentary passes are available for Post 7589 members. Please contact QM Rick Raskin if you would like to attend. quartermaster@vfw7589.org

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*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.

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Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: (To receive our FREE email 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	

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Cemetery ID Number: VAQNCT

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Questions? Please call 877-385-9504

Cut-Off Date is November 27, 2015
*WAA ceremony will take place at Quantico National Cemetery on
Saturday, December 12 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 purchasing sponsorships.



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 VFW Auxiliary 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 12, 2015**, 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 VFW Auxiliary 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 12, 2015 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?**

YARD SALE

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AUXILIARY 7589



VFW POST 7589

October 10, 2015

7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Post Home - 9304 Centreville Road

Manassas, VA

(We will be taking donations on Friday October 9, 2015 from 4 pm – 8pm at the Post)