

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
October 2017



State Junior Vice Commanders met in Kansas City, MO on September 8 and 9. Known as Doc's Wranglers the group came together with a mission to **Mentor, Communicate and Serve**. Virginia JVC Rick Raskin is in the front and National JVC Doc Schmitz is in the last row just to the right of center. The jeans symbolize our willingness to get out and get to work.

Photo provided by Daryl Root, JVC—Utah

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Commander's Message



Peter MacLeod

organization located in Haymarket, Va.

In a nutshell, this is a beautiful 11,000 square foot, 5-bedroom home located on 37 acres of land in the hills of extreme western Prince William County, Va., but it is not remote. It is only about 3 miles from busy U.S. 15 in Haymarket but it seems a world away from the traffic and pressure of daily life and traffic in Prince



William.

Quite simply, this is a retreat for members of the U.S. Armed forces returning from battle. It is a place they can take 3 to 7-day mini vacations, with their families, and try and reconnect after serving our country in Iraq, Afghanistan or wherever. As you scan the warriors who have visited you will see young men and women in perfect physical condition and then you will see young warriors with limbs missing or other terrible wounds. This is a place for them to forget war and maybe attempt to get to know their families once again.

This retreat is supported by a Board of Directors and many, many sponsors and friends. The warriors have gourmet food and first-class hotel accommodations for themselves and their families during their retreat which usually runs Wednesday to Sunday although that can vary. It is one family at a time so that privacy is assured.

Close by are tourist attractions like the Bull Run Battlefield, movie theaters, shopping areas and recreation for children and adults.

I went on a tour of the house with a number of local sponsors on an evening in early September. The house dates from 1977 and is on the edge of Bull Run Mountain Conservancy. There was a two-year renovation leading to the official opening on Veteran's Day, 2015. "Serve Our Willing Warriors" says it was a two-year job to remodel the home. Over 900 volunteers, ranging in age from 9 to 92 took part. 150 contracting and material supply companies



donated 1.1 million dollars' worth of material and several hundred skilled tradesmen worked on the home at one time or another and continue to work and maintain it.

There are five bedroom suites, a gourmet kitchen, game room, physical therapy and massage therapy rooms, and a library. Outside there is a stone patio with fire pit, a playground, BBQ area, vegetable garden, serenity garden and walking trails. All of this was created by local people in the Haymarket area who wanted to help members of the Armed Forces who had put themselves in harm's way for our country. Over 100 professional contractors donated labor and material worth over \$1 million to make this happen. Since 2015, hundreds of volunteers have given thousands of hours to make this a unique success.

How did it get started? In 2012 Pastor Barry White of Park Valley Church in Haymarket challenged his congregation to find a community need and take steps to address that need. He wanted a report in 30 days of their experiences and they would share their stories with each other. This group eventually visited recovering soldiers at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington and Fort Belvoir. This turned into gift giving at holidays, cookouts in the

summer and soon the establishment of "Serve Our Willing Warriors."

John and Shirley Dominik formally established the organization as a not for profit 501c3. The immediate goal was to get the wounded warriors away from the clinical hospital environment for a time to refresh their minds and bond with their families again and just generally renew their spirits. It was aimed at warriors with physical and mental wounds.

As you tour the house, you see photos of mostly young soldiers with young families and many children. It is a place for families.

It is an example of what can be done with volunteers and not for profit incentive. The work continues of course and there is a constant need for volunteers of all types from cooks to custodians. The website is www.willingwarriors.org and the phone number is 866-227-5853. The location is 16013 Waterfall Road just off U.S. 15 in Haymarket.

How did VFW Post 7589 get involved? Local Boy Scout Sean Kellogg had an idea to further beautify the already spectacular grounds. He wanted to build a bridge, over a low wet area of the walking trails, for an Eagle Scout project. He started from nothing with planning and then the actual construction on weekends and after school. The bridge took shape and was



Sean Kellogg and some of the sponsors who helped with the bridge.

finished this past Spring. He wrote to us for some financial help and we voted to give him \$100.00. Many other groups and businesses in the Manassas/Haymarket area did the same and the job got done.

Auxiliary President



A large "Thank you" to all the individuals assisting in our annual Fall Yard Sale.

They were: Cookie Cullen, Elanor Doczi, Patsy Gough, Cindy McIntyre, Ann Mitchell, Bettye Montgomery, Janet Raskin and Yvonne Sullivan. Without your participa-



tion, we would not have had a successful day. Also, if it wasn't for the special assistance of Lyle Stever, I don't think we would have finished on time. Thank you Lyle for a job well done. Our next Yard Sale will be in May. We are starting to collect donations. If you wish to donate any items, please let me know. My email is mcorkhill@comcast.net or my phone number is 703/361-8950.

Due to Texas and Florida being hit with a devastating hurricane, we contacted Dr. Gil Irwin, a lead in the Medical Missionaries group, and donated clothes, shoes, bedding, towels & wash cloths, blankets, dishes and toys left over from the yard sale. Dr. Irwin assisted us in packing up these items. The Medical Missionaries is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, and is listed in GuideStar.

The VFW and Auxiliary will be participating in the Manassas Fall Jubilee on October 7th from 10am-5pm. Our organization has attended this annual event for several years and looks forward to meeting and greeting the public. It also gives us the opportunity to inform everyone about our organization and our programs. Please contact me 703/361-8950 or [mcork-](mailto:mcorkhill@comcast.net)

hill@comcast.net to let me know your availability in assisting at the booth. Thank you in advance.

For the past 3 months, I have been informing you about National's new computer system MALTA. It is now online and you will be able to pay your annual dues and make any changes to your account. National Headquarters email address is: <https://vfwauxiliary.org>. When you get to the home page, go to member login, put



your membership ID and activate account. Answer all the questions about yourself and assign a password. Then you can pay your dues. If you still wish for the Auxiliary Treasurer to assist you with your payment of \$20.00, mail Elanor Doczi your payment at: 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Again, thank you in advance.

I would like to remind you about our Wreaths Across America Fundraiser. The deadline for this event is November 30th. For each \$15.00 wreath that is purchased, \$5.00 comes back to the Auxiliary. This allows us to assist Veterans and/or families of Veterans. The Wreaths Across America event at Quantico Cemetery will be held at noon on December 16th. Hope to see you there.

The 5th Annual Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ) will be at Yorktown Battlefield, Yorktown, VA on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 10:30am. This event will coincide with Yorktown Day ceremonies, performances and programs that commemorate the 236th anniversary of America's Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown. On October 20th & 21st, the Department of Virginia will host the celebration for the National President Dee Guillory at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 50 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA. There will be an informal dinner on the 20th and a banquet on the 21st. If you wish to attend, please go to the National website and get the forms for the event. <https://vfwauxiliary.org/celebrating-americas-freedom>.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a dinner to recognize Veterans for Veterans Day and the 19th anniversary of the 7589 Auxiliary which was instituted on November 29, 1998. Dinner will be served at the Post starting at 6:00pm before the November monthly meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

The November annual Auxiliary Buddy Poppy drive will be at the Centreville Gi-



ant on November 11th & 12th from 9-2pm. Please let me know if you will be able to assist in this event.

Just a reminder of the new deadline date for the 2017-2018 Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award is **October 31, 2017**. The theme for Voice of Democracy is: "American History: Our Hope for the Future" and the Patriot's Pen Theme is: "America's Gift to My Generation". The awards ceremony is scheduled for December 3rd at 4:00pm. The Auxiliary will provide the refreshment.

Our December meeting will be held at the City Tavern on Centreville Rd at 6:00pm. Please RSVP and let me know if you will be able to attend the December 4th event.

The National Home for Children is still high on our list for assisting Veterans and their families. If you wish to become a Life Member of the National Home, it is only \$35.00. The Auxiliary has a Life Membership and I would like to see other individuals become one as well.

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

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President



Youth News & Notes



Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

Post 7589 continues to distribute our Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year brochures to the area elementary, middle and high

schools. To date, we have delivered brochures to 24 area schools and are still contacting a few more. For the first time, to get more local public awareness, we have also posted the competition on 3 Facebook sites. We have an abundance of young talent this year and are anxious to receive the completed applications by the 31 October 2017 deadline and begin judging entries at the Post level the first two weeks in November. This will be followed by the District judging later in the month. We are confident we will have multiple applicants competing in the District level competition this year and hopefully beyond that. For every 15 entries at the Post level we are eligible to send one applicant on to the District level so this is very encouraging. Our awards ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, 3 December 2017 at the Post at 4PM.

Our Post held our very successful flag retirement ceremony and education on Saturday morning, 16 September 2017 at the Post Hall. Comrades in attendance were

Over 500 American flags of all sizes were collected by the Post and also by Ace Hardware at the Woodbine Shopping Center in Manassas.

Pete MacLeod, Rod Gillette, Charlie Montgomery, Terry Bursey, Robert Punihaole and Kelly Williams. Auxiliary members included Jean MacLeod, Janet Raskin, Mary Corkhill and Charlie's wife Betty. Cub Scout leader of Pack 1355 in Manas-

sas, Brian Albers, and five other Scout leaders were on hand. Twelve Cub Scouts from Pack 1355 and six Boy Scouts from Troop 670 sponsored by Grace Methodist Church in Manassas were present and actively involved.

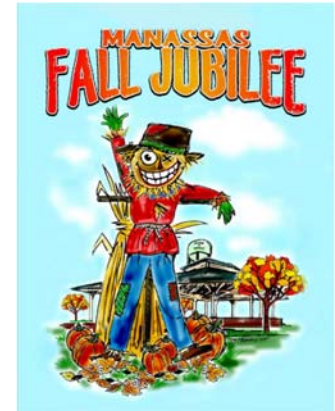
The morning began with a flag education lesson conducted by Jean MacLeod, inside the Post Hall, between 9 - 9:30 am. The flag retirement began in the Post parking lot shortly thereafter and was completed at approximately 11:00am. Over 500 American flags of all sizes were collected by the Post and also by Ace Hardware at the



Post and Auxiliary members along with Scouts and parents gather at our flag retirement ceremony on September 16.

Woodbine Shopping Center in Manassas. The ceremonial burn, or retirement, began at 9:45 am after Commander MacLeod discussed the reasons the flag should be important to every American. Due to early arrivals for a Post Hall rental the ceremony ended at 11:00am. Consequently, one barrel of flags still requires retirement and remains unburned. We are considering a second Flag Retirement ceremony possibly on 9 December 2017 and will notify the Post once firm arrangements have been made. The Manassas Police and Fire Department were informed in advance of the event and require us to do so for safety reasons. Afterwards, donuts and drinks were provided to the Scouts and Leaders. Everyone socialized for about 15 minutes before the event concluded. Overall, it was a great day and a wonderful experience for both the Post, Leaders and Scouts.

It was another example of the VFW supporting the community youth and instilling



patriotism and American core values. Plans are already being made for the Scouts to once again help us on Veterans Day at the Manassas Cemetery.

Just a reminder, we are enthusiastic about our Fall Jubilee in Old Town Manassas on 7 October 2017 from 9am to 5pm. This is another opportunity to meet, greet and interact with area youth. As our custom, we will be handing out Halloween bags to all children at the Jubilee.

Again, we would love to have more volunteers for our Youth Committee to help with all our activities. Contact Commander MacLeod, myself or any other members if you are interested in joining us or you can simply just attend the next Youth Committee meeting on Thursday, 19 October 2017 at 7:00pm at the Post Hall. Stay healthy and be well Comrades.

Christmas Party Committee

Commander Peter MacLeod and Trustee Lou Filippone have had preliminary discussions about our Post's annual Christmas party and would like input and participation from the Post and the Post Auxiliary. Please join our committee when the sign-up sheet is distributed at the next General Membership meeting. We are considering a preliminary date of Saturday, 16 December 2017. More information to follow.

October 28, A Day to Change Direction

Join us at 1:00 PM at the Post home for this informative program.

Post to host screening of “Into the Light” followed by a discussion on mental health awareness.

A staggering 20 veterans commit suicide every day, and the VFW is committed to helping change the narrative and stigma surrounding mental health in America.

In order to raise awareness, foster community engagement, improve research and provide intervention for those affected by invisible injuries and emotional stress, the VFW has teamed up with the nationwide organizations Give an Hour and the Campaign to Change Direction, One Mind, PatientsLikeMe and the Elizabeth Dole Foundation to combat this critical issue

VFW Mental Wellness Program can be found here:
<https://www.vfw.org/mental-wellness>

On October 28, 2017, the VFW and Give an Hour, the lead organization for the Campaign to Change Direction, are partnering for the Second Annual **A Day to Change Direction**, a national day of service and action to change the dialogue on mental health for America’s veterans and American communities. VFW Posts are encouraged to host events that will educate your community about the Five Signs of Emotional Suffering and the Healthy Habits of Emotional Well-being. . . . Collectively, we believe in gathering together veterans and their families, community members, and clinicians to connect in a positive environment. Furthermore, we want to use this as an opportunity to encourage all Americans to pay attention to their emotional well-being as well as the emotional well-being of others.

VFW National Commander Opposes Flag Disrespect

‘I stand for our flag and anthem. I kneel for our fallen.’

WASHINGTON (September 25, 2017) –The national commander of America’s largest and oldest major combat veterans organization is raising his voice in opposition to those who disrespect the flag.

“There is a time and place for civil debate, and wearing team jerseys and using sporting events to disrespect our country doesn’t wash with millions of military veterans who have and continue to wear real uniforms on real battlefields around the globe,” said Keith Harman, a Vietnam combat veteran who leads the 1.7 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. and its Auxiliary.

“My oath to protect the Constitution also protects my right to vehemently disagree with how others may choose to air their grievances,” said Harman, who said those who disrespect what most Americans hold dear have forgotten that America is still in

a 16-year, multi-front war, against a shadow enemy whose end goal is the total destruction of us as a people and country.

The VFW national commander is saluting former Army Ranger and now Pittsburgh Steeler offensive tackle Alejandro Villanueva for showing the rest of his team and the league what true mettle is, and NASCAR team owners Richard Petty and Richard Childress for leading from the front.

“I stand for our flag and anthem,” he said, “and I kneel for our fallen. That’s what patriots do. We rally around the flag of our country, not use it and our Constitution as both shield and sword.”



From the



Vietnam Green Beret to Receive Medal of Honor: The White House announced Wednesday that President Trump will present the Medal of Honor on Oct. 23 to a retired Army Green Beret, who is credited with saving multiple lives during a covert four-day mission into Laos. Capt. Gary Michael Rose had received the Distinguished Service Cross in 1971, just four months after the Special Forces mission in which he survived bullet and rocket wounds and a helicopter crash to provide life-saving aid to more than 100 comrades. Soldiers who served with him, as well as lawmakers and Pentagon officials, lobbied for several years to upgrade his DSC, which required a special waiver passed by Congress and presidential approval.

VA Releases New Veteran Suicide Data: The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently released a more comprehensive analysis of veteran suicide data. After working with the Department of Defense, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to gather data for the most extensive veteran suicide study ever conducted, VA found last year that an average of 20 veterans die by suicide on a daily basis. Of those 20, only six were actively enrolled in VA — meaning those six had actively used VA or enrolled within the system sometime within a year of their death. Suicide is currently the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and rates of suicide are continuing to increase. The veteran population is currently overrepresented in suicide deaths. While many believe it is younger veterans of the Post-9/11 era who deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan that are dying by suicide at the highest rates within the veteran community, it is actually veterans who did not deploy and are 50 years old or older. This newly released data from VA does an analysis of veteran suicide broken down at the state level. Read and review the data reports: <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/>

[suicide_prevention/Suicide-Prevention-Data.asp](https://www.actioncorpsweekly.com/suicide_prevention/Suicide-Prevention-Data.asp)

FY 2018 National Defense Authorization Act: On Monday, the Senate voted 89-8 to overwhelmingly pass their version of the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Senate version authorizes \$700 billion in total — \$640 billion for the Pentagon's base budget, and \$60 billion to sustain ongoing operations in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Included in the Senate version is a 2.1 percent pay increase for service members; \$8.5 billion to strengthen missile defense; 24 additional F-35 joint strike fighters; 10 additional Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornets; five more Navy ships; and end-strength increases of 6,000 soldiers and 1,000 Marines. In light of this, the Senate version still includes TRICARE fee increases, which the VFW strongly opposes, and is \$83 billion above authorized budget caps for military spending. The House and Senate will meet next week to resolve any differences between their versions of the bill. Stay tuned to the Action Corps Weekly for updates on this important bill.

Free VA Caregiver Course Available Online: The Department of Veterans Affairs partnered with PsychArmor Institute to provide a free online course to break down VA's Caregiver Program. The course takes approximately 10 minutes and includes information about how VA is organized, who is eligible for the Caregiver Program, how to enroll in it, what documents are needed and where to apply. The course also offers tips and guidance on what actions to take after enrollment is complete, and what resources are available to help veterans and their caregivers. Take the online course: <https://psycharmor.org/courses/understanding-va-caregivers/>

New functions on the VFW website

When a visitor goes to www.vfw.org in their browser, one of the first links they will see at the top of the page is "Find A Post". Clicking on this link takes the visitor to a page where they can enter a ZIP code or city and state and then search by distance for VFW Posts in the area. They will see the name of the Post, with address and phone number, as well as when meetings are held, the names of the Commander and Quartermaster, and now the dues amount for the Post.

This is obviously useful information for veterans looking to connect with a local Post, but it is also useful information for you as a recruiter looking to connect veterans with a Post in their area. If you run across a veteran who might be interested in VFW membership but isn't local to your Post, you can assist them by looking up their local Post, letting them know who to contact and when meetings are, and how much the dues will be. Remember, we are one team and one VFW and bringing a new member on board - even if it's not to your Post - helps our mission.

In addition, when a VFW member logs into the website, on the right hand side of the MY VFW page you will see two new links under the heading "Get Your Digital Membership Card". Both Apple and Android smart phones offer the option to save various cards and passes to a digital "wallet", so that instead of carrying around a dozen physical membership cards, discount cards, etc., they can all be kept on your phone. The VFW now offers this option for your membership card!

If you have an Apple or Android device, simply browse to this page on that device and click on either the "Add to Apple Wallet" button (iPhone or iPad) or the "Add to WalletPasses" button (Android) and it will go through the process of adding a digital version of your VFW membership card to your device.

This will not replace the physical VFW membership card - we will still be sending out membership cards to all our Annual and Life members. This is intended as another option for our members' convenience. When asked to show a VFW membership card, a member can either produce their physical card out of their wallet or display their digital card on their smart phone.

VA Appeals Reform Starts October 1st

The long-awaited reform to how a VA claim is appealed will start on October 1st, 2017 and will roll-out over 18 months. The new process will allow those who currently have an appeal pending, more than 300,000 total at all levels, to move into the new system. The important thing to remember is that this process does protect a veteran's right to appeal, it does shorten the length of time for the appeal to happen, and the VFW helped shape the program. Appeals currently take as much as 10 years (depending on far your appeal has gone). Those who are close to a decision on their appeal will not be notified as it could be like re-starting and VA does not want that.

You will receive a notice, by mail, **ONLY** if you qualify to move into the new process. The first batch of letters, some 500, go out on October 1st and the process will build to notifying veterans monthly with an eventual goal of 20,000 or more letters a month

going out. The slower start will allow VA to address problems with smaller numbers of claims instead of having to face a huge problem which derails the entire system. Also, if you choose to move to the new process, you will not be allowed to move back.

If you receive a letter about this, please call your representative immediately. Also, if you get a letter and don't know who to talk to, you can always call your two VFW accredited Service Officers. Bobbiejo Lazo can be reached at 540-563-1437 and Ken Wiseman can be reached at either 860-501-3035 or 202-608-8363.

Ken Wiseman
State Senior Vice Commander
State Assistant Service Officer
State of Virginia
202-608-8363 (Office)

VFW National Legislative Conference

On 12 and 13 September, 2017 members of the VFW's National Legislative Committee visited the "Hill" in Washington, D. C. to discuss a variety of concerns with the members of the Senate and House of Representatives. The Virginia contingent, Dan Boyer (VFW-7726) and Doc Crouch (VFW-3150), attended meetings in the offices of ALL of our elected national legislators; sometimes meeting with staff members but in a number of cases with the representatives themselves.

Our broad legislative needs are outlined in the 2017 Priority Goals which are based on the resolutions which are voted on and passed by the membership at our national convention. Certain of these goals were selected for special emphasis and point papers were developed to expand on our concerns. Along with that, and true to the VFW's work ethic where there is a problem that needs to be addressed, we brought forth a proposed solution.

First and foremost is **sequestration**, which is not only severely hampering the Department of Defense (DOD) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) but all government agencies. It must come to an end NOW. Other immediate areas of concern were: DOD's attempt to put forward **TRICARE Fee Increases** in the Defense Appropriation Bill, the need for improvements in

overall **Veterans Health Care**, addressing the needs of veterans have been subjected to **Toxic Exposure** of varying substances, the needed improvements to the **VA Caregiver Program**, DOD policies and congresses intent on **Veterans Preference** in the government workplace, **Concurrent Receipt** as it affects not only retired veterans but their surviving spouses. Also discussed were 24 additional bills currently making their way through the U. S. Congress.

Copies of the 2017 Priority Goals and the Fall 2017 Legislative Priorities point papers have been provided to each Post with the request that it be shared with the members – VFW and Auxiliary. A breakdown (as of 22 September) of the forty legislative bills cited in the point papers has been prepared and it indicates which of our legislators have signed on as co-sponsors of those individual pieces of legislation. A copy of this breakdown has been provided to each Post in Virginia. Also, each Post has been provided with a listing that provides information on where each legislator is located and their contact info, not only in D.C. but also their local offices.

If you would like a copy of any of the above documents and cannot get them at your Post, please contact Doc Crouch at DCrouch@vfwva.org or call me at (703) 319-0845.

VFW Unmet Needs Program Tops \$2M *Almost 900 families helped over past year*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (September 12, 2017) – The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. is proud to announce its Unmet Needs program set a new record by awarding more than \$2 million in financial assistance grants to nearly 900 military and veteran families during its 2016-2017 program year. The new record shatters last year's program record of \$550,000 being distributed to 184 families.

"The VFW Unmet Needs program continues to touch many lives every day," said VFW National Commander Keith Harman, who explained that the program provides up to \$5,000 to veterans, service members and their families during times of financial

hardship. The one-time assistance is awarded in the form of a grant, not a loan, so there is no repayment requirement. Since its inception in 2004, the VFW Unmet Needs program has provided nearly \$8 million in financial assistance to more than 4,850 military and veteran families. The program is supported entirely by generous donations from VFW members and supporters, and corporate sponsors like BURGER KING® franchise owners.

"Those who have worn the uniform have sacrificed enough" said Harman. "Panicking over whether to fix the car, replace the hot water heater, or put food on the table, are stresses they don't need. I am proud the VFW has a program that gives them a place to turn to when they need it most."

Learn more about the program's eligibility criteria and apply online today. <http://www.vfw.org/unmetneeds>

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER	
October 2	Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting - 7:30pm
October 7	Annual Fall Jubilee - 10am - 5pm
October 19	Celebrating America's Freedom Event (CAFÉ)/Yorktown, VA
October 20-21	National President Celebration, Williamsburg, VA
October 28	Film "Into the Light" followed by discussion, Post Home 1:00pm
October 31	VOD, PP & Teacher of the Year (Deadline)
NOVEMBER	
November 2	Executive Meeting – 7pm
November 4	Veteran's parade – 11:00am
November 6	Post/Auxiliary Meeting-7:30 pm (Post/Aux Dinner)
November 11	Veterans Day Activities - 8:30 am - Manassas Veterans Memorial – 9am Cemetery
November 11	Buddy Poppy Drives – Giant in Centreville, 9-2 (Aux)
November 12	Buddy Poppy Drives 9 – 3pm / Giant in Centreville (Aux)
November 16	Youth Committee 7pm
November 16-19	Southern Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi
November 19	District 8 Meeting at 1:00pm –Post 7728 – (Lunch)
November 30	Wreaths Across America Fundraiser (Deadline)
November 30	Executive Meeting – 7pm
DECEMBER	
December 2	Manassas, VA Christmas Parade (TBD)
December 3	VOD/PP/Teachers Awards -- 4pm – Auxiliary will provide the Refreshments
December 4	Post Meeting 7:30pm Auxiliary Meeting - 6pm - City Tavern
December 7	Pearl Harbor Day
December 15	Post's Holiday Party – 5pm (TBD)
December 16	Wreaths at Quantico Cemetery - 12 noon
December 28	Executive meeting 7:30pm



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WREATHS across AMERICA

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Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, and national 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** _____

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Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America TM
 PO Box 249
 Columbia Falls, ME 04623
 Question? Please Call 877-385-9504
 Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to **Remember, Honor** and **Teach**

Sponsorship	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor Card" = If you wish to send a mailed honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, see "In Honor" section below. Card will not be mailed if the \$2 fee is not included.	\$2.00		
Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1500.00		
		Grand Total	

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

In Honor of:

Please provide email or "in Honor of" recipient mailing address so a card can be sent notifying them of your sponsorship in their honor, (if you have a specific message, please write it on the back of this sheet and we will include it.)

Email or Mailing address

In Memory of:

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

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

State: _____

Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: **Quantico National Cemetery VAQNCT** Fundraising Group ID: **VA0040P**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total \$ _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO \$: _____

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SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

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

The **Francis Cannon Auxiliary to VFW Post 7589** is working with Wreaths Across America to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. **Deadline Date is November 30, 2017.**

On **Saturday, December 16, 2017**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 1200 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 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 16, 2017 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?**

For more information visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org, or call 877-385-9504.
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