

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
October 2020



ALEX BLIEM / POST 7589

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Night of the broken glass:

History, knowledge, or the lack thereof breed ignorance, fear, and tacit consent left unchecked produces disastrous results. The less one knows about history, the more one tends to feel on the right side of it. Given its real measure, history informs us that our strength and purpose lie in the synergy provided by the inclusion of all contributors. Eighty-two years ago, next month, history recorded

man's weakness for power and position no matter how short-lived. I find the void of a moral compass and reason leads many to conduct unconscionable acts based on someone else's direction. I grew up ignorant of this event but later came to know a few survivors and the story as well as many others over the years. Never accosted to that extent; nonetheless, I can readily empathize with anyone's dehumanization.

Hitler's rise to power is fascinating, equally so are all the people that bought into his behavior, and the havoc wreaked on the world-leading into WWII. I want to share a look at one night that led to the loss of millions of lives with little objection from within.

Kristallnacht, translated "**Night of Crystal**," often referred to as "**Night of Broken Glass**," claimed to be brought on by an incident November 7, 1938, the assassination of German diplomat Ernst vom Rath in Paris by Jewish teenager Herschel Grynszpan. Nazi officials ordered German police officers and firefighters to do nothing as the riots raged and buildings burned, although firefighters could extinguish blazes that threatened Aryan-owned property.

On November 9 to November 10, 1938, Nazis in Germany torched synagogues, vandalized Jewish homes, schools and businesses, and killed close to 100 Jews. The Germans were upset that they lost **World War I** and looking for a scapegoat. Unleashed anti-Jew violence throughout Germany, creating "Night of Broken Glass," where some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Jewish children's rights to education and most public places in Germany was denied for all as conditions only worsened. (

Hitler's anti-Semitism, while nonviolent in its early stages but left unchecked by complacency and buy-in by the German people, saw the turning point and a policy of forced emigration of Jews toward a systematic plan for their annihilation. The months and years that followed, Jews would be forced from their homes, isolated in ghettos, and finally deported to labor and death camps.

During World War II (1939-45), Hitler and the Nazis implemented their so-called "Final Solution" to what they referred to as the "Jewish problem." They carried out the systematic murder of some 6 million European Jews (along with, by some estimates, 4 million to 6 million non-Jews) in what came to be known as the Holocaust.

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

Due to the Corona virus crisis, the following events have been cancelled: The Manassas Fall Jubilee, the Southern Conference in Asheville, NC, the Manassas Veterans Day Parade, our Buddy Poppy drive and the Veterans Day wreath laying ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial and Manassas cemetery. The health and well-being of our members is a high priority, so **PLEASE** stay safe and follow the guidelines set forth by the local and state authorities.

I wish to thank the Scouts and their leaders for the very moving flag retirement ceremony on September 11. The members of the Auxiliary also attended and distributed the Memorial Buddy Poppies.



The POW/MIA event at the American Legion on September 18th was attended by Diane and Bob Zalenski, Janet Raskin and myself. During the event, the colors were posted and the rest of the memorial ceremony was the

highlight of the evening.

The 8th District meeting was held at the Culpeper Post on September 19th and **Congratulations** to Ellie Smith for being elected Jr. Vice President. The next District meeting will be November 21st at VFW Post 7589. The Auxiliary District meeting will begin at 8:30 AM and the joint session with the comrades will be at 10:00.

Just a reminder of the deadline for the 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award is October 31, 2020. The theme for the Voice of Democracy is: "**Is This the Country the Founders Envisioned?**" and the theme for the Patriot's Pen is "**What is Patriotism to Me?**" The awards ceremony is still scheduled at the Post on December 6, 2020 at 4:00 PM. The Auxiliary will provide the refreshments.

This year, with the Corona virus pandemic still active, it has been really hard for the Auxiliary to raise funds so we can assist the veterans and their families. That is why we are requesting some assistance from the members of the Post, Auxiliary and the public to participate in our Wreaths Across America (WAA) fundraiser. For each \$15.00 wreath that is purchased, the Auxiliary will receive \$5.00. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/> and please remember to include our Sponsoring Group ID No. **VA0040P** and Cemetery ID No. **VAQNCT**. The deadline for your sponsorship is November 30, 2020. At this time, the Wreaths Across America Day is scheduled for December 19, 2020 throughout the US. You can print the form from our website or use the one attached to this newsletter. Thank you in advance.



Veteran & Military Suicide Awareness Teardrop is

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<https://www.history.com/topics/holocaust/kristallnacht>

Adolf Hitler was an Austrian-Hungarian born April 20, 1889 the 4th of 6 children of a dysfunctional family. He aspired to be an artist contrary to his father's wishes. He fled Austrian military service, refusing to work alongside Jews, Czechs, and Croats. He volunteered for military duty in the German Army and attained the rank of Lance Corporal. His assignment was that of a messenger, running messages between the lines. He was assumed to have risen to prominence after being awarded the Iron Cross Second Class based on the "stolen valor" of someone else's heroic deed. He became German Chancellor in 1933 and Fuhrer in 1934.

FYI a group of 2,200 young men (German-Jews) who emigrated to this country because of Hitler's oppression, brutality, and murders enlisted into the U.S military. The Richie Boys, as they were known, consisted of 15,200 officers and enlisted men forming a U.S. special military intelligence unit interrogating German prisoners on the front lines. They played a critical role in breaking the Nazi back as well as saving American lives. While we may have had different reasons for being in the military, I believe we endeavor for that "more perfect union" anticipated by our founders.



IMAGES FROM HISTORY.COM

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being distributed during the month. Each day, an estimated 22 veterans commit suicide. You can help lower this number and make a difference in the life of a veteran or service member in crisis by educating yourself and others about the warning signs of suicide. The blue teardrop is the VFW Auxiliary's symbol that we can use to open a conversation to give this issue the attention it so desperately needs. Wear it when you run errands, attend a meeting, church, at work, etc. When asked what the teardrop is, share that it's to create awareness for veteran and military suicide.



In this trying time, do you know a military and/or veteran family in need? Please encourage them to contact the Military and Veteran Family Helpline: 1-800-313-4200, help@vfwnationalhome.org. If you wish to make a donation or learn more about the Home, contact "info@vfwnationalhome.org". You can become a Life Member of the National Home by forwarding your application and \$50 to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327. Several Auxiliary members have a Life Membership and would like to see other individuals become members as well.

Since we are unable to collect the coupons for our veterans overseas, we are putting this project on hold at this time. I know they are suffering also and hopefully we will be able to resume the project soon. Thank you for your understanding.

Please keep any individuals and/or family members who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our assistance, please let us know.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President



VFW & Legion Posts combine color guards

American Legion Post 10 and Post 7589 work together

By Rick Raskin

Cooperation between VSOs was highlighted on September 11 when color guards for Post 7589 and American Legion Post 10 did a joint ceremony for POW/MIA Remembrance Day. Four of our Post members participated along with seven Legion members to make this a memorable event. Gunny Lewis and Rick Raskin, members of both organizations who participate regularly, were joined by Rod Burr and Warren Ewell. Gunny Lewis was the master of ceremonies for the event.

To increase participation both organizations agreed to joint participation in future events. Our Post and the Legion have similar uniforms and additional items will purchased to make them alike.

This is a perfect example of how when two organizations cooperate the result will be better. We look forward to continued cooperation with Post 10.

Anyone interested in becoming a color guard member should contact either Warren Ewell or Pete MacLeod.

Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds everyone healthy and well. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 17 September 2020 at the Post. Comrades Alex Bliem, Peter MacLeod and myself participated.

The main topic of discussion was the successful Flag Retirement Ceremony held at the Post on 9-11. Scouts from four different Scout Troops were represented including Troops 30, 670, 671 and

1372. The ceremony began at 7:00 PM and concluded at 8:30. Over 46 Scouts and 43 adults, including many members of our Post and Auxiliary attended. Hundreds of flags were retired. However due to the large amount many were not retired. We have decided, since many of the Veteran's Day week activities have been canceled due to Covid, and because of the number of flags still remaining, to hold another Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, 8 November at the Post at 9:00 AM. More information regarding the ceremony will be released in the upcoming weeks.

On the topic of Scouting we held a discussion regarding ideas for a Volunteer Scout Project for our Post in conjunction with our sponsored Troop 1372. After numerous ideas were discussed Comrade Peter MacLeod suggested a Post History and Promotional Video Project. We feel this would give the Scouts some public service credit and would also benefit the Post as well. We could use the History and Promotional Video for Recruitment events. We are waiting to hear back from Troop 1372 about this project and will keep you informed.

Lastly we are in the home stretch with our annual VFW Youth and Teacher Contests. Patriots Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year applications have been distributed both physically and electronically and the 31 October deadline is fast approaching. We are finding this years recruitment more challenging than years past due to Covid and on line learning. We are doing the best we can with the current circumstances and would welcome any applicants our members can provide us. As you all know the theme for Patriots Pen this year is "What is Patriotism to me?" and "Is this the country the Founders envisioned?" for Voice of Democracy. You can get applications from myself or the other Youth Committee members or you can download them directly from the VFW web site.

Please remember the new youth contests available this year through the VFW Auxiliary. At the last General Membership Meeting Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill introduced the new contests They are the Illustrating America Contest which is similar to the Patriotic Art Contest but is for elementary school children and the Get Excited For the Red, White and Blue which is a national anthem singing contest for children from age six to 16. Both new contests share the same deadline of 31 March 2021 with the Patriotic art Contest. These contests are still six months away but it wouldn't hurt to start recruiting applicants. Again applications are available from the Post Auxiliary or online from the VFW Auxiliary web site.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 15 October 2020 at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please join us. The work is very rewarding and so important. In the meantime stay safe and healthy.

Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

The Joint Leadership Council (JLC) on Veteran Services had an important legislative win this year that will still require action. (VFW is a participant on the JLC) A Constitutional amendment is to be on the ballot November 3rd: Personal property tax exemption which provides that one motor vehicle of a veteran who has a 100% service-connected, permanent, and total disability shall be exempt from state and local taxes.

The amendment provides that only automobiles and pickup trucks qualify for the exemption. Additionally, the exemption is only applicable on the date the motor vehicle is acquired or the effective date of the amendment, whichever is later, and is not applicable for any period of time prior to the effective date. This exemption equalizes the process across the state. Currently some counties accept the exemption and others don't.

In October the JLC will vote on two provisions for State Park passes for veterans and separately for Virginia National Guard members, an education benefit for the Virginia National Guard, and a (very small) tax break for military retirees. The proposed tax break would amount to about \$250 for those over age 65 and about \$125 for those younger than age 65. The value is it gets a toe in the door on this issue.

Also, three additional actions we have been working on for the past few years:

1. Income Tax Subtraction for certain low-income disabled veterans (100% disabled with a federally adjusted gross income of not less than 150% of the federal poverty level).
2. Tax Credits for employers who hire Virginia NG and Reserves and self-employed individuals.
3. Microloans for Veterans Program by establishing a \$1,000,000 program for microloans.

Please Vote YES on Ballot Initiative 2

Early voting has started for Virginia.

Please vote YES on ballot initiative #2 to give property tax exemptions on one vehicle for veterans who are 100% disabled according to VA.

It is a multi-year process to get this adopted but the process stops if this initiative does not pass. The VFW has endorsed this as part of the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations.

The average veteran impacted by this has just one or two vehicles and lives with a spouse or family member who works. This would be a significant relief to those veterans and their families. In fact, this tax break may help more than the similar tax break for veterans with a home, as many veterans rent or live with family. This vehicle tax break applies to them as well.

Post approves resolution to support USPS Will advance to National if approved at the Department Convention

By Rick Raskin

Comrade Ray Alring was concerned about the current attempts to reduce funding to the US Postal Service and felt the VFW should take a stand. Such efforts usually begin as a resolution at the Post

level and then progress up through Department and on to National. Unfortunately, the timelines to present such a proposal are rather lengthy. Once approved by a Post, resolutions can only be presented at the Department convention and if approved there, the National convention. The timelines for these two events do not begin until mid June 2021. Nevertheless, if we don't try, it won't happen.

The following resolution was approved at the September 14th general membership meeting and will be submitted to the Department resolutions committee. The good news is the committee chair, Connie Agresti and Past State Commander Rick Raskin assisted Ray with drafting the text.

SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) is the oldest Congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organization (VSO), in the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Postal Service pre-dates the founding of the United States, the first Postmaster General, Benjamin Franklin, having been appointed by the Continental Congress in 1775, and;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of VSOs to support current and former members of the United States Armed Forces in whatever ways practical, and;

WHEREAS, the American public has come to rely upon the United States Postal Service (USPS) as an essential and indispensable means of communication and commerce, even in an increasingly electronic world, and;

WHEREAS, millions of military members, retirees, survivors, and beneficiaries depend upon the USPS to deliver life sustaining medications through Federal Government programs, established through the Departments of Defense, Veterans Affairs, and Health and Human Services, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces rely upon the USPS to deliver, around-the-world, the critical spare parts needed to enable, restore, and sustain war-fighting capabilities, and;

WHEREAS, uniformed service-members stationed at sea and ashore on all seven continents continue to rely upon the USPS as the sole means of exercising their right to vote in elections, through absentee ballot, the loss of which would disenfranchise them from the very freedoms that they are serving and sacrificing to protect, and;

WHEREAS, pronouncements, political posturing, and thinly veiled disdain for the USPS have led to threats to delay the mails and reduce enabling funds for this essential institution; THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the VFW encourages the President of the United States to include adequate funding in the national budget to sustain and further modernize the USPS and; BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the VFW enjoins Congress to adequately fund the USPS to provide timely, dependable, and secure delivery of the mails, and; BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the VFW demands that those entrusted with the stewardship of the USPS be free from compromising conflicts of interest that could inhibit the faithful and efficient fulfillment of their duties to the American armed forces and public.

Approved by Post 7589
September 14, 2020

Wayne Moore, Commander

Flag Retirement Ceremony — September 11, 2020

Photos by Dave Mattingly; widescreen photos by Alex Bliem



Auxiliary's annual Bingo food drive

PLEASE

Assist VFW Auxiliary 7589 in collecting food for the Community Food Banks and get a half Bingo book for

FREE

4 Items = 1/2 Book

Due to the *Coronavirus*, we are increasing the number of items.

Limit One 1/2 Book per Day

4	27	41	56	67
8	21	44	55	70
7	18	FREE 11914	49	63
12	25	35	51	64
13	24	37	52	69
21914				
3	21	33	46	69
9	27	40	51	71
8	25	FREE 12214	59	66
14	17	43	49	74
15	24	35	47	68
12014				
2	16	45	48	64
1	26	34	51	73
7	23	FREE 12514	47	68
12	18	38	56	69
13	22	37	54	67
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Deadline December 16, 2020

VFW's position on NFL protests

In preparation for the 2020 NFL season and the anticipated inquiries into the VFW's position on peaceful protests during the National Anthem, please see the below:

While we, the VFW, prefer all Americans stand, place their hands over their hearts, and observe the playing of the National Anthem, we fully respect and understand every American's right to a peaceful protest. Everyone must work together to move forward to a time where injustices are no longer prevalent in our nation.

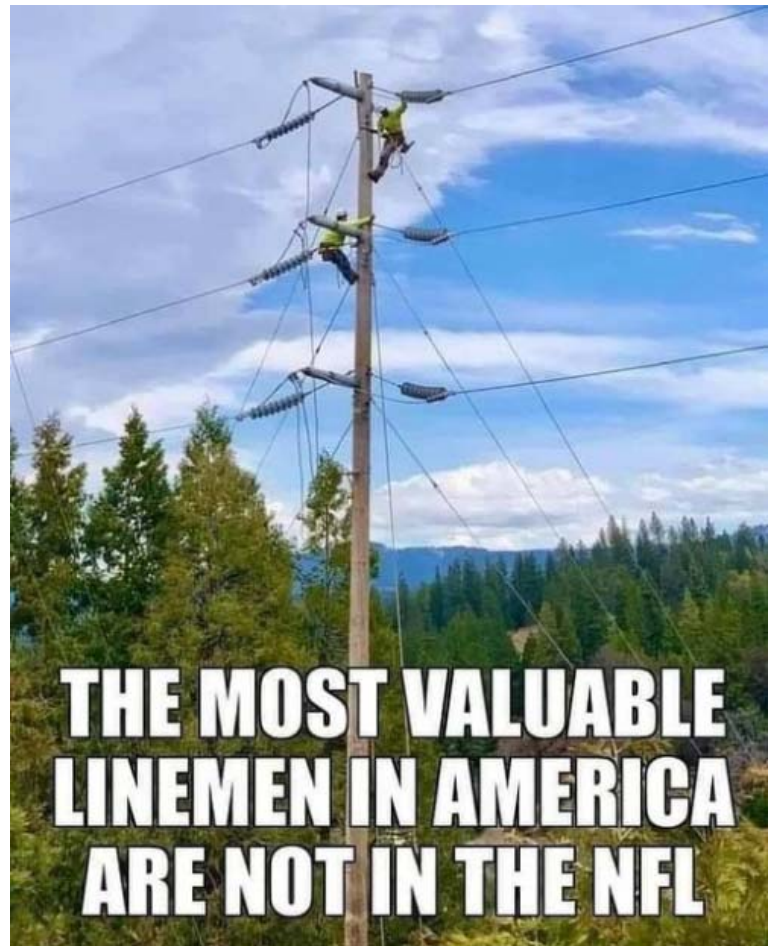
Thank you,

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Top: Auxiliary president Mary Corkhill collects food donations at Wednesday Bingo. Above: Food donations set for delivery.





Commissioner's Corner



Hello to all. I hope you have enjoyed the end of your summer and are remaining healthy.

September [was] National Suicide Prevention Month. With the COVID-19 pandemic dominating our lives over the past few months, it is important to not forget another serious health issue that has stricken our veterans – the high incidence of veteran suicides.

Approximately 17 veterans take their own lives every day. In fact, veteran suicides make up 13.5% of all deaths by suicide among American adults even though veterans are less than 8% of the total adult population. Tragically, the numbers are even worse for female veterans – their suicide rate is more than twice the rate of non-veteran women.

In January 2019, Governor Northam committed Virginia to be one of the first seven states to implement the *Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families*. The *Governor's Challenge* is a call to action for state and local communities to implement the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) ten-year strategy to prevent suicide using a comprehensive public health approach.

In the Commonwealth, the *Governor's Challenge* team is co-led by Virginia Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs Carlos Hopkins and Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources Dr. Daniel Carey. The Virginia *Governor's Challenge* team has drawn the best from state, federal, and local governments; from community groups and non-profits; and from the private sector. Just a few of these include the Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VDVS), the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Virginia National Guard, the Virginia Department of Health, the Virginia Department of Social Services, VA medical centers across the Commonwealth and in neighboring states that serve Virginia veterans, hospitals and other healthcare systems, local community service boards and health departments, private clinics, and more.

The key priorities of Virginia's *Governor's Challenge* are:

- Identify Service Members, Veterans and Family Members and screen them for suicide risk;
- Promote connectedness and improve care transitions; and
- Increase lethal means safety and safety planning.

The theme of Virginia's *Governor's Challenge* are what we call "the 3Cs"

- 1. Care:** Providing accessible and culturally competent behavioral health services;
- 2. Connect:** Bringing active military, veteran and family member specific community services together to form partnerships; and
- 3. Communicate:** Educating active military, veterans and their families in Virginia about resources and behavioral health providers on military culture and suicide prevention best practices.

A special pilot program called VISR was put together to specifically target suicide prevention among service members, veterans, and their families (SMVF). VISR stands for Virginia's Identify SMVF, Screen for Suicide Risk, and Refer for Services.

From February through April this year, VISR pilot agencies identified 2,048 service members, veterans and family members when they visited a healthcare facility or government office. 64% of these individuals were screened for suicide risk and of these, 23% were considered at risk. All of those at risk were referred to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, a Military Treatment Facility, or to VDVS' Veterans and Family Support (VVFS) program.

In addition to the screenings, we at VDVS initiated other activities to help cast a wide net and improve the ability to identify at-risk service members, veterans, and families:

- Trained over 500 community service providers at Regional Military Cultural Competency and Suicide Prevention Summits. We then transitioned the training to a virtual platform and have trained an additional 700 community services providers and state agency human resource personnel to date.
- Launched the *Together with Veterans* initiative in Southwest Virginia to bolster grassroots, veteran-led suicide prevention outreach in rural communities.
- Collaborated with the Virginia Army National Guard to revise the Suicide Prevention Training in a Warrior Task format that promotes core resiliency skills.

Just as we are all doing our part to get through the COVID-19 pandemic by wearing facemasks, washing hands and socially distancing, collectively we have to help end suicide among service members, veterans, and their families. If we suspect a fellow veteran, service member, or family member is suffering from depression and suicidal thoughts, it is up to us to convince him or her to seek help. If you are personally suffering, please know that suicide is never the answer and there is hope and trained professionals on call twenty-four hours a day to assist you.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is 1-800-273-8255

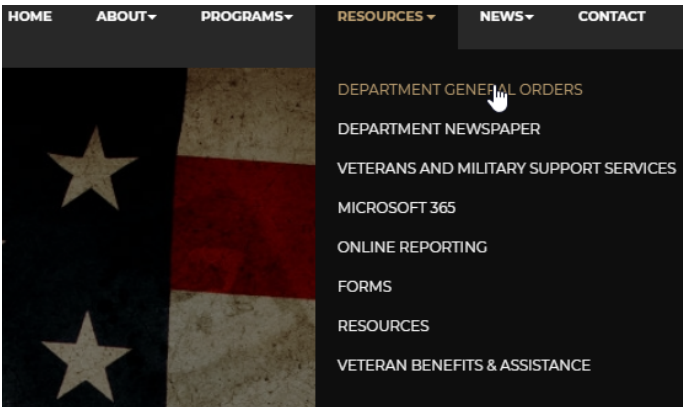
For more information on preventing veteran suicide or to call for assistance, I urge you to visit our website (<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/virginia-veteran-and-family-support>) or call one of our Resource Specialists in the Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) program toll-free at 1-877-285-1299.

Thank you for your interest in VDVS. We remain committed to supporting service members, veterans, and their families and to making Virginia the most veteran-friendly state in the Nation. Please contact any of our staff members or me if you have questions, concerns, or suggestions on how we can better serve you and all Virginia veterans.

Sincerely,

John Maxwell, Commissioner
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Department General Orders
Monthly updates from VFW Virginia
Available at www.vfwva.org



The VFW Podcast Hits Airwaves Oct. 7

In an effort to provide our veterans, service members, and military families with current information on key veteran legislation, educational and financial assistance programs, national veterans services, critical initiatives from the VFW national commander-in-chief, and much more, the VFW is turning to the podcast world. We will chat with congressional leadership, Department of Veterans Affairs executives, Department of Defense senior officials, VFW leaders, and everyday veterans from around the globe about issues that matter most to you. Stay tuned as we prepare to launch the VFW Podcast the first Wednesday of October, November, and December. In 2021, the podcast will air two episodes each month, every first and third Wednesday.

<https://www.vfw.org/podcast>



RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

Ryan Pappalardo receives his District 8 Scout of the Year award at the 8th District meeting on September 19.

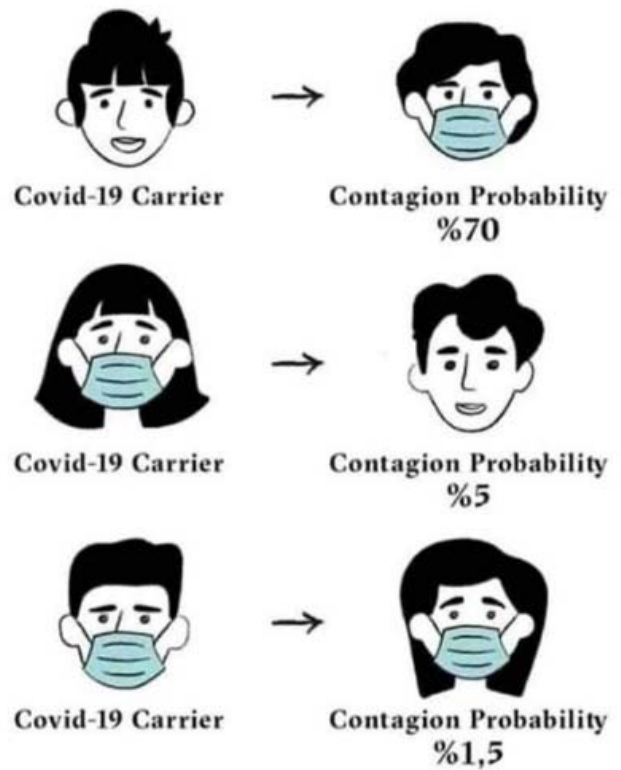


DEADRA MILLER / DISTRICT 13

Post Quartermaster and Past State Commander Rick Raskin receives his All American cap from State Commander Eric Mallett at the Fall Council of Administration meeting in Staunton on September 26.

2020-21 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
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Surgeon	Alex Bliem



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The VFW National Home for Children

The VFW National Home for Children offers a once in a lifetime **opportunity** for military and veteran related families.

If you know of a family in your community that could use our help, please encourage them to call!

We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

Most qualify to apply. Caring staff will help families to determine eligibility.

A Great Place to Call Home!

800-313-4200

Upcoming Events

Events may be postponed or cancelled due to coronavirus restrictions.
Check your email for change notifications.

October 5	Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
October 12	Auxiliary Meeting — 7 PM
October 15	Youth Committee Meeting — 7 PM
October 31	Deadline for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year contests
November 2	Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
November 8	Flag Retirement — 9:00 AM
November 9	Auxiliary Meeting — 7 PM
November 19	Youth Committee Meeting — 7 PM
November 21	District 8 Meeting — Post 7589 — Auxiliary 8:30 AM, Joint meeting at 10:00 AM, VFW to follow Hosted by Warrenton Post 9835.
February 5-6, 2021	State Commander's Homecoming, Virginia Beach
February 13	District 8 Meeting — Post 3103, Fredericksburg — 10:00 AM
March 24-28, 2021	National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch's Homecoming, Portsmouth, Virginia

KNOW YOUR VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVE

Rob Wittman	1st District	202-225-4261
Elaine Luria	2nd District	202-225-4215
Bobby Scott	3rd District	202-225-8351
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Denver Riggleman	5th District	202-225-4711
Ben Cline	6th District	202-225-9681
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WreathsAcrossAmerica.org



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, 2020.**

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad

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 19, 2020 at 12 Noon at Quantico National Cemetery**. (Advance notice: the time is subject to change.) This is a moving experience that you should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help our local heroes will be remembered this Holiday Season. **How many sponsorships can we count on you for?**

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



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

Tax ID: 20-8362270

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 _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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	

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

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.

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: _____

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

Location ID: **VAQNCT** Fundraising Group ID: **VA0040P**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total \$ _____ Date: _____

Total # Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

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Entered: _____

GEN: _____