

CANNON NEWS

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RICK RASKIN

Governor Youngkin signed the veteran retiree tax relief bill into law on September 9.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

1. The War in Afghanistan started on October 7, 2001, in response to September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.
2. Since 2001, 2,350 U.S. troops have died in the Afghanistan War. Over 20,092 have been injured.
3. The War in Afghanistan costs taxpayers \$45 billion per year.
4. Next to the United States, the United Kingdom ranks second in the

number of troops lost in Afghanistan with 455.

5. Children accounted for 1/3 of all casualties during the Afghanistan War.
6. Since the beginning of the Afghanistan War in 2001, war-related violence has killed over 31,000 civilians, and 29,000 civilians have been injured. These are just the documented numbers.
7. Since 2001, the United States has spent over \$1 trillion in the Afghanistan War.
8. In 2012, more U.S. soldiers committed suicide in Afghanistan than were killed by enemy fire. In general, suicide—not combat—is the leading killer of U.S. troops deployed in the Middle East.
9. Since the beginning of the War in Afghanistan, over 111,000 Afghans, including militants, civilians, and soldiers, have been killed. Deaths from indirect causes may account for an additional 360,000 Afghans.
10. Over 3,600 Afghan civilians were killed in the first three months of the Afghanistan War.
11. Afghans are currently the second largest refugee group after Syrian refugees. Approximately three out of four Afghans have been displaced internally, externally, or multiple times.
12. The CIA occasionally offered Viagra to elderly tribal leaders to persuade them to cooperate.
13. Afghans often drive a supply truck decorated with brightly painted trinkets or tassels hanging from the frame that would jingle. American troops referred to these trucks as a "jingly" or "jingle truck."
14. Pat Tillman, a football player who quit a \$3.6 million NFL contract to join the U.S. Army, died from friendly fire in the hills of Afghanistan.
15. Many service members returning from Afghanistan suffer from chronic multisymptom illness (CMI), which was formerly known as Gulf War Syndrome. Symptoms include a cluster of medically unexplained chronic symptoms, such as insomnia, dizziness, respiratory disorders, memory problems, and joint pain.
16. Even though the United States and its allies ousted the Taliban as the ruling party of Afghanistan, insurgent groups continue to attack U.S. troops, which has helped prolong the conflict.
17. The Javelin missile used in the War in Afghanistan is so expensive (\$75,000) that British soldiers say that when they use them in combat, it's like "throwing a Porsche at them."

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



Halloween, a contraction of **All Hallows' Eve**, is a holiday observed on October 31, the evening before All Saints' (or All Hallows') Day. The celebration marks the day before the Western Christian feast of All Saints and initiates the season of Allhallowtide, which lasts three days and concludes with All Souls' Day. Halloween is celebrated on Monday, October 31, 2022.

The Auxiliary will continue to do teleconferencing during each meeting. Please note the new Dial-in number: 1 605 562 8401. The access code is still the same 4364446.

The events for the coming months are as follows:

October 1: Manassas Fall Jubilee – 10 AM to 5 PM.

October 10: Auxiliary monthly meeting at 2:00 PM (in person and teleconferencing)

October 15: Flag retirement 10 AM (Scout pizza party at 12noon)

October 27 – 30, Southern Conference Asheville, NC

October 31: **DEADLINE** for the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year awards

November 5: Manassas Veterans Day event: Breakfast 7:00 AM & Parade 11:00 AM

November 5-6: Buddy Poppy Drive – Walmart in Haymarket 10 -6pm (Post)

November 11: Manassas Veterans Memorial 8:30 AM & replace flags at Manassas Cemetery 9:00 AM

November 14: Auxiliary monthly meeting at 2:00 PM (in person and teleconferencing)

November 19: District 8 meeting at Southern Fauquier Post 7728 – 10 AM

December 4: Post/Auxiliary VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher Award at 4:00 PM

December 12: Auxiliary Christmas Party at 12:30 PM (Restaurant TBD) **No monthly meeting**

December 17: Wreaths Across America (WAA) at Quantico National Cemetery – 12 Noon

December 18: Post Christmas Party at Post (Pot Luck) 2-5 PM

With everyone still concerned about the virus, it has been really hard for the Auxiliary to raise funds. We are requesting assistance from the members of the Post, Auxiliary and the community to participate in our Wreaths Across America (WAA) fundraiser. 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, 2022. At this time, the Wreaths Across America Day is scheduled for December 17, 2022 at Quantico National Ceme-

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Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The members of the Youth Committee sincerely hope this newsletter finds everyone well. We held our last meeting on 15 September at the Post. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. Comrade Peter MacLeod also participated via conference call. Most of the discussion focused on the rescheduled Flag Retirement Ceremony and the youth contests.

Unfortunately the 9-11 Flag Retirement Ceremony was cancelled due to light rainfall. I made the call to cancel the event a few hours before our noon start time. In hindsight, it could have gone either way since the rainfall stopped in early afternoon. But it still would have delayed the event, and it was best that we rescheduled it. Our new date for the Flag Retirement Ceremony is Saturday, 15 October at the Post at 10:00AM. Setup will start at 9:30 AM. We are currently making arrangements with the Auxiliary for another pizza party for the Scouts following the event and will know shortly. It must be voted on and included in their minutes before it is official. As usual we invite all Post and Auxiliary members to join us and participate. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this time for we have a lot of flags to retire.

This is essay contest season and we are in the thick of it right now. Multiple area middle and high schools have been contacted and enlisted for our Patriot’s Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year contests. We are in the early stages of collecting our applications and logging them in for judging. Each year the students and teachers compete at the Post, District and Department level. The most challenging group of contestants we recruit each year are our Teachers. Every year we go right to the 31 October deadline struggling to get our Teacher of the Year applicants. We need teachers who teach Patriotism, American History, Civics and Government, Flag Etiquette and are veteran friendly. We need teachers for elementary, middle and high school level. If you know of any worthy teacher who fulfills these requirements please contact anyone on the Youth Committee as soon as possible and we’ll get you an application for them. We also need to conduct judging for all three contests at the Post level and are requesting volunteers for this purpose. Look out for my emails regarding dates and times for Post judging. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. I think you’ll find it enjoyable judging and selecting our Post winners. You will learn to appreciate the talent and patriotism these young Americans possess. Remember the deadline for all three contests is 31 October and it is fast approaching!

The last item on our agenda is the Fall Jubilee in Old Town Manassas. It is scheduled for Saturday, 1 October from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and it won’t be rained out like our Flag Retirement Ceremony. We’ll have to see how events unfold with Hurricane Ian and its impact on area weather. If the event is held we need members to help

setup and break down the event as well as manning the tables. We typically try to recruit new members for the Post and Auxiliary and, in addition, recruit for our Youth essay contests. Lastly we hand out Halloween bags to all the children and provide them with small prizes in those bags. As with all requests for volunteers please let anyone on the Youth Committee know of your interest and we’ll put you on the schedule.

[In the event of foul weather cancellation, the Fall Jubilee will be held on October 8. — ED]

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 20 October 2022 at the Post at 7:00 PM. Come to the meeting and join the fun. There is nothing better than working with our Youth. They never cease to impress and amaze me. They just want our support and approval and are so grateful for all that we do.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair



“My Pledge to Our Veterans”



“Why Is The Veteran Important”



RICK RASKIN

State Adjutant Quartermaster Ed Mann (R) presented State Commander Geoff Lyster his official commission as State Commander at the Fall Council of Administration on September 17.

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

Summer is over, our Scouts are back in school, and they are getting back into their normal schedule and Scouting activities. The Scouts will hold their Court of Honor shortly, where those that earned their ranks over the summer will be recognized, special awards will be presented and I have heard roughly 100 Merit Badges that have been earned will also be awarded. We will have pictures in the next newsletter.

Over the long Labor Day weekend the Scouts had their first ever beach campout in Delaware. It was not just all sun, sand, and water play though. They worked on an Oceanography Merit Badge where they learned a lot about oceans, how they impact our planet and how the oceans actually work. The Scouts were able to also do some fishing and of course had time to enjoy being out there in the water and playing. As always, they still had to cook and clean outside like any other campout.

Our venturing crew will be having a car wash fund raiser on 10/2, weather permitting, at Nathan's ice cream shop. They are attempting to raise money to help them with the costs of the High Adventure trips which are normally very expensive.

More to come next month.

Thank You,
Alex & Tina Bliem
VFW Post 7589
Pack, Troops, Crew 1372



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

The Scouts worked on an Oceanography merit badge over their Labor Day weekend beach campout in Delaware

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18. In an effort to hasten U.S. troop withdrawal from Afghanistan, the United States government attempted to boost and train the Afghan National Army. However, the Afghan National Army was plagued by corruption, inefficiency, illiteracy, desertification, and betrayal.

19. After the 9/11 attacks on the United States, President Bush demanded that the Taliban, Afghanistan's ruling party, extradite Osama bin Laden. Afghanistan refused, citing lack of evidence. The United States responded by launching Operation Enduring Freedom and invaded Afghanistan.

20. The first CIA team to enter Afghanistan was code-named "Jawbreaker." It was on the ground and operating in Afghanistan just 15 days after the 2001 attacks, thus technically beginning the Afghanistan War.

21. British forces invaded Afghanistan alongside the United States in October 2001. Other countries, such as Canada, France, Australia, and Germany, also pledged support and troops.

22. The first U.S. military casualty to die by enemy fire during the War in Afghanistan was Nathan Ross Chapman. It is unclear who shot Chapman or why.

23. The War in Afghanistan is the longest war in United States history. The Afghanistan War has lasted longer than World War I and World War II combined. The Iraqi and Afghan wars have not 'ended.' Only America's involvement has 'ended.'

24. Interpreters who worked for the British Army, along with their families, have been killed and tortured in Afghanistan. Unfortunately, as of May 2018, the British government has not resettled any interpreter or his or her family member in the U.K.

25. Several American soldiers known as the "Kill Team" murdered at least three Afghan civilians in 2010, during the War in Afghanistan. In at least one of the murders, the soldiers kept part of the victim's skull.

26. Afghanistan's lucrative opium market helped fund the Taliban, the Afghanistan War, and global terrorism.

27. Despite lingering problems in Afghanistan, 80% of all Afghans support the United States' removal of the Taliban in 2001.

28. During the Afghanistan War, Staff Sergeant Robert Bales massacred 16 Afghan civilians in March 2012, including some children. Nine of the 16 people were in the same family. At his trial, he said, "I thought I was doing the right thing." Bales was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

29. Only about 44% of Americans support NATO troop presence in Afghanistan.

30. The War in Afghanistan has sparked worldwide protests, with the deaths of Afghan civilians being the main focus of the protests.

31. According to Amnesty International, the Taliban committed many war crimes, including targeting civilians, killing aid workers, using white phosphorus, and using civilians as human shields.

32. The War in Afghanistan has affected the lives of at least 6.3 million people.

<https://www.factretriever.com/afghanistan-war-facts>,

By Karin Lehnardt, Senior Writer

Youngkin signs tax relief for Virginia veterans at Quantico Corporate Center

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin (R) came to the crossroads of the Marine Corps to sign new legislation giving veterans a break on their annual income tax.

[Uriah Kiser](#)

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The governor signed two identical pieces of legislation, HB 1128 and SB 528, which will exempt up to \$40,000 of veteran retirement pay from taxes and prioritize Virginia's Military and Veteran Community.

"When I had the great privilege of being hired by all of you, we expressed a great series of commitments, and you're at the top of the list of that commitment: to go work on a bi-partisan basis to make Virginia the most military and veteran-friendly state in America," said Youngkin.

A crowd of more than 100 people, many of the veterans, gathered at Patricio Enterprises Inc. at Quantico Corporate Center in Stafford County to watch the bill signing. Youngkin's visit was the second time in less than two weeks, following an event at Colonial Forge High School on September 1, where he signed executive order loosening the hiring requirements for new teachers.

State Senator Bryce Reeves (R-Spotsylvania) and Delegate John McGuire (R-Goochland) carried the bills across the finish line. McGuire said many veterans have moved from Virginia to North Carolina, which does not tax veterans' benefits, and that he hopes Virginia, eventually, will end the practice altogether.

A Cardinal News report notes Northern Virginia is leading the state's population loss, noting Fairfax and Prince William counties as the two largest counties no longer attracting new residents.

State Senator Jeremy McPike (D-Prince William) supported the legislation, which he hopes will reverse the trend of veterans leaving the state.

"Hey, come on back. If you're out of state, this is already a great place. One of the keys is having a community of veterans. VFW Post 1503, right up the road in Dale City, is the largest in the world, and I think it's important that veterans know there's a strong base of veterans here," McPike told Potomac Local News.

Reeves called the legislation a stepping stone in caring for the state's veterans. He said the state needs to do more to help former service members transition into civilian life.

"We still have a lot of broken sailors, soldiers, airmen, marines, coast guard, and they need us," said Reeves.

The region will soon be home to two new federal veterans' healthcare facilities. In Spotsylvania, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is building a four-story, 450,000-square-foot clinic on a 48-acre at U.S. Route 1 at Hood Drive, opening next year.



Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin (R) signs bills that alleviate taxes on military veteran pay at Quantico Corporate Center in Stafford County. [Uriah Kiser/Potomac Local News]

At Vint Hill in Fauquier County, the Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs will open a 128-bed senior care facility next year that will feature all private rooms organized into households and neighborhoods that surround a central community center.

Quantico Corporate Center is a business park near the Marine Corps Base that is home to the Marine Corps Officers Candidate School, which commissions Marine officers.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Virginia VFW members attended the September 9 signing ceremony of HB 1128 and SB 528, which will exempt up to \$40,000 of veteran retirement pay from taxes and prioritize Virginia's Military and Veteran Community.

(L-R) Post 7589 Commander Wayne Moore, Post 3103 Commander Todd Taylor, Ben Seal— Post 3103; Post 2524 Commander Keith Price, Post 9835 Commander Robert Lunn; State JVC Mitch Rubenstein and PSC Rick Raskin. Not pictured, State Legislative Committee Chair Monti Zimmerman.

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tery and throughout the US.

Over the years, the National Home has evolved to meet the changing needs of America's military and veterans' families. Through it all, one thing has remained constant: the National Home's commitment to honor our nation's veterans and active-duty military by providing help and hope for their children and families. If you wish to become a Life Member please send your application with \$50 to the National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327.

Please remember to keep individuals and/or family members who are ill or hospitalized in your prayers.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President



Annual Northern Virginia Veterans Parade

By Jerry Martin

The 13th Annual Northern Virginia Veterans Parade is scheduled for November 5th at 11:00 AM in Old Town Manassas.

The Parade began fourteen years ago and has been an annual highlight within the community and the Post since then.

Those interested in honoring their military service history, or that of their family members or friends, can do so by having an Honor Ad placed in the Souvenir Parade Booklet. A nominal donation for the ad is required. The booklet is distributed free of charge the day of the parade.

Anyone interested in placing an ad should access the vetpar.org website and click on the Sponsorship link to do so.

Honor Ads must be received by October 10.

Vetpar.org is a 501c3 and all donations are tax deductible.

2022-23 New Recruiting Award

One New Member Pin - As part of this year's membership incentives, Commander-in-Chief Tim Borland wants to drive home the message that EVERY VETERAN COUNTS.

To support this message, every VFW member who recruits a new member will receive a special One New Member recruiting pin to show the world that they're doing their part to help our organization grow in strength and reach our membership goals.

State Commander



Geoff Lyster

Comrades & Auxiliary,

Greetings. We had a busy week this week in the VFW:

-VFW Recruiting Booth at Virginia State Fair: This week we are at the State Fair! We have a dedicated team of volunteers and we are enjoying meeting with the public from our and recruiting from our premier, indoor, corner location recruiting booth in the Farm Bureau Center-Exhibit

Hall. We are scheduled to be here from September 23 until October 2. If you are attending the State Fair in Doswell VA, stop by and say hello. *Our state fair is a great state fair...*

-Sep. 24: Town Hall Festival, Warrenton VA: VFW Post 9835 held a recruiting event along Main Street in Old Towne Warrenton. They had a great time interacting with the public and recruited several new members.

-Recruiting Awards: National Commander Tim Borland announced that he is shipping his "One Recruiting Pins" to State Headquarters. We will award those pins at your next regularly scheduled District Meeting. As a reminder, everyone who recruits at least one new member will receive this special lapel pin. It would be most fortuitous if every member in the Department recruited at least one new member this year!

-Membership: Our Membership currently stands at 83.59 percent, with 524 new and reinstated members this year. Thanks to all our dedicated recruiters. Keep up the great work.

-Fundraisers & Merchandise: Calendars are selling well and are available in all Districts. 2023 calendars are only \$20 each and each calendar provides the holder a chance at one of **365 prizes totaling \$25,000**. Specifically, there will be three \$1000 drawings; seven \$500 drawings; two \$200 drawings; nine \$100 drawings; and 344 \$50 drawings. To obtain yours, see a State Officer, District Commander, or contact State HQ. All proceeds go to support the Department of Virginia VFW.

-Merchandise: A new shipment of red Dept. of Virginia-100th Anniversary Shirts arrived from the VFW Store, to State HQ. Beautifully embroidered in gold, we have all sizes in stock. Wear yours at all VFW meetings; Centennial events and Remember Everyone Deployed (**RED**) Shirt Fridays! Only \$35 each and proceeds go to support the great **Homecoming** (Jan. 13, 2023) in Portsmouth, VA.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Geoffrey D. Lyster

Commander

Department of Virginia

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Commissioner's Corner



I am sure you have heard about the major legislation passed by Congress and signed by the President in August called the **Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxins (PACT) Act**. If you are a veteran who served from the Vietnam War to the Gulf Wars or in Iraq or Afghanistan, and you are suffering from what you believe to be the effects of toxic exposure, you may be eligible for VA healthcare screenings or disability benefits.

The PACT Act greatly expands and extends eligibility for VA healthcare for veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam, Gulf War and post-9/11 eras. It adds more than twenty presumptive conditions for burn pits and other toxic exposures and adds more presumptive exposure locations for Agent Orange and radiation. Plus, it requires the VA to provide a toxic exposure screening for every veteran enrolled in the VA health care system. More information is available online [here](#).

We have [offices](#) staffed with trained and knowledgeable Veteran Services Representatives (VSRs) located throughout every corner of the Commonwealth, and we are happy to help. However, please be aware that this greatly expanded eligibility has the potential to overwhelm our team- if you are not actively suffering from one of the listed conditions, please consider delaying your visit to our offices so that others can be placed toward the front of the line.

For the address and contact information for the DVS Benefits Office in your area, go to www.dvs.virginia.gov or call 804.786.0286 today. **Our team members are here to serve you and (unlike many online sources or law firms) there is never a charge for their services.**

In other DVS news...

We remembered the nearly 3000 who tragically died during the attacks on September 11, 2001 as we held the annual **Commonwealth's Patriot Day Ceremony** at the Virginia War Memorial on September 12.

On September 14, we co-hosted the **2022 Virginia Veterans and Military Conference and Virginia Values Veterans (V3) Awards Luncheon** in Richmond with the Virginia Chamber Foundation and the Virginia Veterans Services Foundation (VVSF). The highlight of the 2022 V3 Awards was Governor Glenn Youngkin [announcing](#) the 100,000th veteran hire as a result of the program and the recognition of the V3 Certified Employers who had hired the most Virginia veterans and military spouses during 2021 or who have devised the most successful programs to recruit, hire, train and retain veterans.

On September 22, DVS will be co-[hosted] the annual **Virginia Military & Education Summit**, which [brought] together educators, student veterans and college and corporate representatives from throughout the Commonwealth to the campus of the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg.

DVS is also proud to join Governor Youngkin in his official proclamation of September 24 through October 2 as **Blue Star Welcome Week in Virginia**. Virginia is one of the first states to officially honor and recognize the sacrifices of the hundreds of military-connected families as they relocate to the Old Dominion and to bases throughout America and the world each year.

DVS is your agency. We are here to serve you – our veterans, transitioning service members, military spouses and family members. We work hard every day to assure that Virginia continues to be the #1 state in America for veterans and the military.

Contact any of our DVS team members anytime or me personally at daniel.gade@dvs.virginia.gov. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you as I travel around the state.

God Bless the Commonwealth and our Great Nation.

Daniel Gade, PhD, Commissioner
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Comments made in the year 1957

- "I'll tell you one thing, if things keep going the way they are, it's going to be impossible to buy a week's groceries for \$20."
- "I'm afraid to send my kids to the movies any more. Ever since they let Clark Gable get by with saying 'damn' in 'Gone With The Wind,' it seems every new movie has either "hell" or "damn" in it."
- "Have you seen the new cars coming out next year? It won't be long before \$5000 will only buy a used one."
- "If cigarettes keep going up in price, I'm going to quit. A quarter a pack is ridiculous."
- "Did you hear the post office is thinking about charging a dime just to mail a letter?"
- "If they raise the minimum wage to \$1, nobody will be able to hire outside help at the store."
- "When I first started driving, who would have thought gas would someday cost 29 cents a gallon. Guess we'd be better off leaving the car in the garage."
- "Kids today are impossible. Those ducktail haircuts make it impossible to stay groomed. Next thing you know, boys will be wearing their hair as long as the girls."
- "If they think I'll pay 50 cents for a hair cut, forget it."
- "I read the other day where some scientist thinks it's possible to put a man on the moon by the end of the of the century. They even have some fellows they call astronauts preparing for it down in Texas."
- "Did you see where some baseball player just signed a contract for \$75,000 a year just to play ball? It wouldn't surprise me if someday they'll be making more than the president."
- "I never thought I'd see the day all our kitchen appliances would be electric. They are even making electric typewriters now."
- "It's too bad things are so tough nowadays. I see where a few married women are having to work to make ends meet."
- "It won't be long before young couples are going to have to hire someone to watch their kids so they can both work."
- "Marriage doesn't mean a thing any more; those Hollywood stars seem to be getting divorced at the drop of a hat."
- "I'm just afraid the Volkswagen car is going to open the door to a whole lot of foreign business."
- "Thank goodness I won't live to see the day when the Government takes half our income in taxes. I sometimes wonder if we are electing the best people to congress."
- "The drive-in restaurant is convenient in nice weather, but I seriously doubt they will ever catch on."
- "There is no sense going to Lincoln or Omaha anymore for a weekend. It costs nearly \$15 a night to stay in a hotel."
- "No one can afford to be sick any more; \$35 a day in the hospital is too rich for my blood."

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THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Friday, October 14th at 7:30 pm
Saturday, October 15th at 7:30 pm
Sunday, October 16th at 3:00 pm

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Tickets: (703) 993-7759



Legacy Life membership

This prestigious program is available to all Life members and is now available in memoriam for past Life members. There are three levels of membership; each offer their own package of exclusive member benefits. Financial contributions to the Legacy Life member program are tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

Enrollment Cost:

Levels	Posts	Departments	National
Gold-	\$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

Annual Payouts:

Member Incentives	Bronze \$400	Silver \$800	Gold \$1200
Plated Engraved Legacy Life Card*	●	●	●
Lapel Pin*	●	●	●
Hat Pin*	●	●	●
Distinctive VFW Store Line for Legacy Life members*	●	●	●
Framed Legacy Life membership Certificate	●	●	●
Member Recognition on Internet & Convention Program	●	●	●
Special Legacy Life Plaque	●	●	●
Hat Patch*			●
Personalized Brick at Centennial Plaza*			●
VFW Store Discounts (for personal use only) *	5%	10%	15%
Increased Level of No-Cost AD&D Insurance *	\$2000	\$3500	\$5000
Annual Endowment: Post	\$6	\$12	\$18
Annual Endowment: Department	\$6	\$12	\$18

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Use camera mode to scan code



or
Text "VFW" to 50457
or
Visit vfw.org/JoinActionCorps

Membership Objectives

As the membership year has begun, keep in mind our Membership Objectives, which are also written in the 2022-23 Membership Program.

- For everyone to recruit at least one new member and then mentor that member
- Increase membership drives and/or events
- Develop new Posts and/or revitalize existing Posts
- Increase Life Membership and Legacy Life Membership
- Provide membership assistance using teams from your conference to assist and mentor those who request assistance.

2022-23 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Bobby Knight
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Ron Knowles
1 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
2 Year Trustee	Dave Mattingly
3 Year Trustee	Chris Morgan
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Monti Zimmerman
Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem

2022-23 Auxiliary 7589 Officers

President	Mary Corkhill
Senior Vice President	Ellie Smith
Junior Vice President	Cindy McIntyre
Secretary	Ann Mitchell
Treasurer	Elanor Doczi
Chaplain	Cookie Cullen
Conductress	Janet Raskin
Guard	Patsy Gough
Trustee 1	Jan Germain
Trustee 2	Janet Raskin
Trustee 3	Yvonne Sullivan
Historians	Patsy Gough Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Lorri Allen Smith



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



30 Games Including:

- \$750 Jackpot**
(Starts with 51 numbers)
- Lucky 7 Progressive**
- 90:10 Jackpot**
(Prize = 90% of sales)
- Progressive Pull Tabs**
- \$10.00 Bingo Book**
(includes Early Birds)

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

DOORS OPEN 7:30 AM

GAMES START AT 9:15 AM

SPECIAL
BUY 2 BOOKS
GET A 1/2 BOOK FREE

Virginia Department
of
Veterans Services

Manassas Office

9300 W. Courthouse Rd.
Suite 305
703-479-7437

Upcoming Events

October 1	Manassas Fall Jubilee
October 2	Scout Car Wash fundraiser at Nathan's Ice Cream Shop
October 3	Colin Wolfe Memorial Golf Tournament Post meeting — 7:30 PM
October 10	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
October 14—16	Manassas Ballet Theatre presents “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” — Hylton Center for the Arts
October 15	Flag Retirement — 10 AM — Pizza to follow
October 20	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM
October 27—30	Southern Conference, Asheville, North Carolina
November 5	Buddy Poppy Drive — Haymarket Walmart — 10:00—6:00 PM Northern Virginia Veterans Parade — 11:00 AM
November 6	Buddy Poppy Drive — Haymarket Walmart — 10:00—6:00 PM
November 7	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
November 11	Manassas Veterans Memorial 8:30 AM & replace flags at Manassas Cemetery 9:00 AM
November 14	Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM (in person & teleconference available)
November 19	District 8 Meeting—Post 7728 — Morrisville — 10:00 AM
December 4	Youth Awards Ceremony — 4:00 PM
December 5	Post Meeting — 7:30 PM
December 12	Auxiliary Christmas Party — 12:30 PM (Restaurant TBD) No monthly meeting
December 17	Wreaths Across America — Quantico National Cemetery — 12:00 Noon
December 18	Holiday Party at the Post — 2:00 to 5:00 PM (Pot Luck — Bring a dish to share)

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Wreaths Across America will be at **Quantico National Cemetery** to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud.

PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on **Saturday, December 17, 2022 at 12 Noon.** (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?**

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Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America
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Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
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Family = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

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In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____

Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

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

Branch of Service: _____

Rank: _____

State: _____

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