

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589

Manassas, Virginia

November 2012



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COMMANDER'S REPORT



November and December are going to be busy months for the Post.

In November:

- **November 5th**—Our General Membership meeting... several items up for discussion.
- **November 7th**—Cougar Elementary School, Manassas Park at 0830 hours. We will present the colors.
- **November 8th**—Mayfield Intermediate School, Manassas. The time is 0830 to 1130 hours. We will be speaking to groups of students at the school.
- **November 9th**—Manassas Christian School, Manassas Park. We will be speaking to an assembly at 0930 hours.
- **November 9th**—Haydon Elementary School, Manassas. At 1100 hours, we will be speaking to the third graders and at 1330 hours, we will be speaking to the fourth graders.
- **November 9th**—Buddy Poppy Drive at the Giant in Gainesville...We need several volunteers for this site. There are two entrances to the store. This is a good site for us—please consider a couple of hours to assist in this endeavor. Hours of the drive are 1400 to 1800.
- **November 10th**—the 4th Annual Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade in Old Town Manassas. Line-up is at 1000 hours—with the step-off at 1100 hours. Members are encouraged to participate in the parade. We will have a vehicle for those who cannot march. Contact myself or Rick if you wanted to participate. We are encouraging active duty personnel to wear their uniforms.
- **November 10th**—the Post will have an informational and recruiting booth at the Harris Pavilion following the Parade. The booth hours are tentatively scheduled for 1200 to 1500.
- **November 11th**—Veterans Day Ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial. Time is 0830 hours. Placing of the flags on the graves of veterans at the Manassas Cemetery will be conducted after the ceremony.
- **November 11th**— Buddy Poppy Drive at the Giant at the Wellington Store. Hours are 1000 to 1400.

In December:

- **December 1st**—The Annual Manassas Christmas Day Parade— Line-up @ 0900, Step-off at 1000. In the past, we have lined up by Wu's Garden. Members are encouraged to participate.

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The members of the Auxiliary would like to **congratulate** both raffle winners: Lisa Moore, for the basket and Janet Raskin, for the blanket. Both items were on display during the Fall Jubilee and the Yard Sale.

Wreaths Across America has provided the Auxiliary the opportunity again to fundraise for our organization's needs along with helping WAA gather sponsorships for wreaths. We are placing wreaths on veterans' graves at Quantico National Cemetery. Sponsorships are \$15 per wreath. The order form is attached as the last page of this issue and can also be printed from our website www.vfw7589.org. You may alternately contact Valerie Nealey at 703-368-7636 or jvnealey@verizon.net. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. Please remember to include our **Sponsoring Group ID No. VAVFW7589 and Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT. Cut-off date is November 26.**

Please join us at Quantico National Cemetery on Saturday, December 15 at 12 Noon. This is a moving experience that you and your family should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help, our local heroes will be remembered this Holiday Season. If you are interested in attending, please contact Valerie Nealey for information.

There are several events on the calendar for the next few weeks. They are as follows:

Saturday, November 3rd, we will have a flag retirement at the Post starting at 9:00 AM.

Veterans Day Activities are as follows:

Saturday, November 10th The Post and Auxiliary will participate in the Veteran Day parade starting at 11:00 AM. The Auxiliary will have a Buddy Poppy drive at the Wellington Giant from 2 PM until 7 PM.

Sunday, November 11th at 8:30 AM, the Post and Auxiliary will have a Wreath laying ceremony at Veterans Monument and at 9 AM, a flag distribution at the Manassas Cemetery.

Saturday, December 1st at 10 AM will be the Manassas Christmas Parade.

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Every Wednesday I volunteer time after Bingo with the veterans at Birmingham Green Nursing Home in Manassas. I've established a very strong connection with a WWII Vet by the name of Frederick Phillipone. He loved my VFW hat and my Vietnam Veteran hat so I bought him a WWII hat and presented it to him. Although he does not appear happy in this picture, he was thrilled.

Paul Chase—Post 7589

VOTE

**ELECTION DAY IS
NOVEMBER 6th
YOUR VOTE COUNTS**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Veterans Day, formerly known and celebrated as Armistice Day, was first observed on November 11, 1954, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower requested that the day be set aside to pay tribute to the service and sacrifice of the men and women who have defended our freedom; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day we come together to pay tribute not only to the men and women who have so valiantly risked their lives to preserve the liberty of our Nation, but also those in service during the Cold War years between 1954 and 1991 when our country was not officially engaged in any world conflict, serving with courage and distinction in the face of tremendous adversity, while demonstrating an unflinching commitment to America and its people; and

WHEREAS, these sons and daughters of America have not kept a vigil over our country's shores or her citizens for public recognition, fanfare or parades, but rather to preserve our way of life with unwavering patriotism and quiet courage and deserve the highest degree of respect for their patriotic acts; and

WHEREAS, we need to be ever mindful that it is not our weapons or our technology that make us the most advanced military in the world but rather it is the unparalleled spirit, skill and devotion of our troops; and

WHEREAS, on Veterans Day, November 11th, we have an opportunity to honor those who have answered the call when asked to protect our Nation; and

WHEREAS, through their steadfast defense of America's ideal, our service members have ensured that our country still stands strong, our founding principles still shine and that nations around the world know the blessings of freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harry J. Parrish II, Mayor of the City of Manassas, Virginia and on behalf of the Manassas City Council do hereby proclaim the month of November as

"VETERANS MONTH"

in the City of Manassas and urge all citizens to fly our flag, to recognize the importance of our veterans and their service and the significance of the sacrifice these remarkable individuals have provided not only on November 11th but also throughout the month of November and the entire year.


Harry J. Parrish II, MAYOR
On behalf of the City Council
of Manassas, Virginia



ATTEST:


Andrea P. Madden, City Clerk



Francis Cannon Post 7589
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Manassas, VA 20108

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Sunday, December 2nd The Post and Auxiliary of 7589 will host the 8th District meeting at 1:00 PM. The Auxiliary representative will be the Department President Cathy Graham. A meal will be served after the meetings.

December 8th from 5 PM – 8 PM we will be having a pot luck holiday dinner for the members. All are invited.

December 10th at 7 PM will be our annual Voice of Democracy / Patriots Pen / Teacher Award ceremony.

December 15th will be the Wreaths Across America at 12 PM at Quantico National Cemetery.

If you have not paid your dues, please forward the \$20 to the Auxiliary Treasurer, Elanor Doczi at 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. We would like to be 100% by December 15, 2012.

Please keep collecting coupons for our Veterans and Campbell's Soup Labels for the VFW National Home for Children. Please bring them to a meeting or drop them off at the Post Home.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Ladies Auxiliary President



Janet Raskin, winner of the Auxiliary's blanket raffle.

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December 2nd—District 8 Meeting at the Post Home. Meeting starts at 1300.

December 8th—2nd Annual Holiday Dinner. Bring a dish to pass. We have tentatively scheduled dedication of the new addition and remodeled interior for this time.

Please help us bring the Post into the Community.

For Safety Sake:

Coming into the winter—let's prepare for the oncoming season:

- *Check the batteries in your Smoke Alarms*
- *Have flashlights with fresh batteries*
- *Get your Flu Shots—any drug store or your personal doctors can assist you.*
- *Winterize your car*
- *Always have gas in your car—usually it is advised not to let it get below half a tank*
- *Look in on your friends—especially during storm emergencies*

In closing—if traveling over the Thanksgiving Holiday—drive safely.

Happy Thanksgiving to all
Ron

**Need help with filing VA
claims?**

**VA DVS AGENT SERVICE
2nd & 4th THURSDAYS
0900 - 1500**

**Post 7589
9304 Centreville Rd.
Manassas, Virginia**

APPOINTMENTS PLEASE

703-359-1210

or

kim.isler@dvs.virginia.gov

The 14 State Southern Conference— Willi



Setting up for registration



Past Commander in Chief John Smart



Getting ready for airport pickup



C-i-C John Hamilton & Department Commander Margo Sheridan



Over 400 delegates attended.



Hal Roesch opens the conference



Virginia's hospitality suite

amsburg, Virginia — October 18—21 2012



Preparing for the first airport run



Airport greeters ready to go



George McCracken & the color guard



Part of the Virginia delegation



Margo welcomes the delegates



Commander-in-Chief John Hamilton





Vietnam Pavilions at the Honolulu Memorial to be Dedicated November 11.

Arlington, Va., Sept. 5 --To further honor the sacrifice of the 2,504 members of the U.S. armed forces missing in action from the Vietnam War memorialized at the Honolulu Memorial, the American Battle Monuments Commission, in coordination with the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, will dedicate two new pavilions and mosaic maps on Veteran's Day, Sunday, November 11, at 10 a.m. Hawaiian time.

"This is the only federal memorial to the Vietnam War built solely with federal dollars," said ABMC Secretary Max Cleland. "This is the perfect time to dedicate these maps as we enter the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War."

Located on the grounds of the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, the Honolulu Memorial was established by the American Battle Monuments Commission to honor the sacrifices and achievements of American armed forces in the Pacific during World War II and the Korean War. It includes names of 18,096 individuals missing in action or lost at sea from World War II and the names of 8,200 individuals listed as missing from Korea. The memorial grew in 1980 to include the missing of the Vietnam War. As part of the memorial, there are large mosaic maps explaining the major military campaigns in the Pacific during World War II and Korea. This year, two mosaic maps will be added to complete the memorial and help tell the story of those individual Americans who served in Vietnam.

Constructed by The Armbruster Company of Glenview, Ill., the two maps show the overall theater of the Vietnam War and the sites of major battles fought during the conflict. At a cost of \$523,000, the mosaic maps are unique works of art that are vibrant in colors keeping in tradition with the World War II and Korean War maps at the memorial. Conceptual art was designed by Mrs. Mary Jacobs of Glenelg, Md., who also created the artwork for the original World War II and Korean War mosaics at the memorial.

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The maps will be housed in one of two elegant pavilions being constructed from Travertine stone quarried from Idaho. The Honolulu District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is managing the \$4.973 million construction project for ABMC. The pavilions are being built by the Innovative-Mira Joint Venture, Honolulu. The project architects are Fung and Associates Inc., also of Honolulu.

The second new pavilion will house porcelain panels depicting ABMC commemorative sites in the Pacific and providing an orientation to the Honolulu Memorial. The panels were designed by Gallagher & Associates of Silver Spring, Md. and are being fabricated by Winsor Fireform of Tumwater, Wash.

“This was a tremendous federal effort involving several agencies,” said Cleland. “We are working with the Corps of Engineers to add new pavilions to an ABMC memorial located within a National Cemetery Administration cemetery of the Department of Veterans Affairs. The maps and text were reviewed and vetted by the military service historians and the architecture was reviewed and approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts—this is a true joint effort.”

The design and planning phase of this project began in June 2009 and actual construction was started this past May.

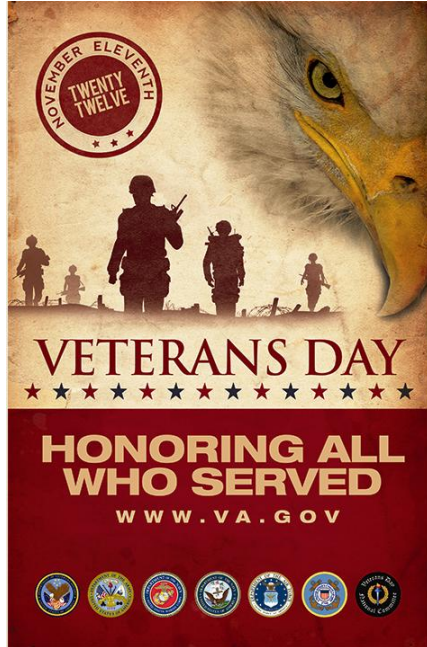
About the American Battle Monuments Commission:

Established by Congress in 1923, the American Battle Monuments Commission commemorates the service, achievements and sacrifice of U.S. armed forces. ABMC administers 24 overseas military cemeteries, and 25 memorials, monuments and markers. For more information visit www.abmc.gov.

Tim Nosal

Acting Director of Public Affairs

Tim Nosal is a member of VFW Post 9835, Warrenton — Ed.



VFV's new recruiting poster unveiled at the Southern Conference.

Youth Committee Update

12/10/12 Awards Ceremony, 7 PM at the Post Home.

Seating arrangements: Podium in the middle, Students seated to the left, VFW officers and guests seated to the right, parents in the front rows of the audience.

3-5 VFW members will be greeters as guests arrive.

At least two VFW members will be stationed in the parking lot. Pete MacLeod will ask the fire department about using spaces in their lot.

Refreshments will be provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

We will inquire about an Osbourn Park Color Guard.

Speaker is film professor Bryan Brown of NOVA.

Order of Program:

1. Tentative plans for Color Guard presenting colors.
2. Greetings from Post Commander Ron Link.
3. Pledge of Allegiance by Post Chaplain.
4. Guest Speaker Professor Bryan Brown.
5. Patriots Pen Awards with the first place winner reading the winning essay.
6. Teacher of the Year Awards
7. Voice of Democracy Awards with the first place winner reading the winning essay.
8. Closing remarks.
9. Pictures: Group pictures of all award winners in each category, possible group picture of all at the end.
10. Refreshments.
11. This is still a work in progress, more discussion at the November Youth meeting.

Efforts are still being made to contact World War Two Veterans to attend and possibly speak.

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Business Solicitation

- As of 10/18/12 we have raised \$500.00 in cash and we have collected \$85.00 in gift certificates. Still a ways to go!
- Youth budget as of 10/18 is about \$1200.00 with most of that coming from the Yard Sale and Business Solicitation.
- We will keep working right up to December 1. If anyone knows of a veterans or school friendly business that might be willing to help out please contact Chair Pete MacLeod immediately at 703 220-4545.
- Pete has plenty of updated introduction letters if anyone needs them. There are also programs from last year to show businesses what type of ad and program they would be in.
- We need every committee members help on this or we may not get to where we want to be!

Essay Contest

- We will be collecting essays and Teacher of the Year nominations from the schools the week of October 29th
- Judging of essays: At the MacLeod house at 8385 Sinclair Mill Road in Manassas at the following times:
 - Saturday, 11/3/12: 6:30 – 9 PM
 - Sunday, 11/4/12: 9 AM – 6 PM
 - Wed., 11/7/12: 6:30 – 9 PM
 - Thurs., 11/8/12: 6:30 – 9 PMAll are welcome to take part!
- Veterans Day Speakers at the Schools and Vets Day Activities in and around Manassas:
- Still tentative, see attached document.
- There will be sign up sheets at the Nov. 5 VFW Meeting.

There was no old or new business to discuss and no scouting report.

Next scheduled Youth Meeting is Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012 at 7PM at the Post Home.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.



SPONSOR A WREATH FOR A VETERAN'S GRAVE

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

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

On **Saturday, December 15, 2012**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 741 locations in the USA and beyond.

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

PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on Saturday, December 15, 2012 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?**

Tax ID 20-8362270

Wreath Sponsorship Form

*Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, national veterans cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org

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: **(Receive our FREE newsletter)** _____

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

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

Sponsoring Group ID Number: VAVFW7589
Cemetery Designation: Quantico National Cemetery
Cemetery ID Number: VAQNCT

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America (TM)

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

Cut-Off Date is November 26, 2012