

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
November 2019



Senior Vice Commander in Chief Hal Roesch (2nd from left) and Virginia State Commander Rick Raskin (3rd from right) with the other southern state commanders (known as "Doc's Wranglers") at the Southern Conference in Baton Rouge, LA.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

VETERANS DAY RECOGNITION OF THE MEN and WOMEN WHO SERVED in the ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

Another year draws to an end as we pay tribute to those women and men who served. Post comrades are going through the ceremonial paces of honoring all past and present. As time rolled on through the year we may have experienced

changes in our health, loss of a loved one or friend. My experiences caused me to reflect more distinctly on the type of legacy I leave my children and grandchildren.

In October 2006, I joined 6/9 Cav at Forward Operation Base (FOB) Normandy, Iraq. Shortly thereafter I began receiving Care Packages from a women's group in Anna, Illinois. The 15 or so ladies, ranging in age from their 40s to mid-80s, bestowed a kindness that was unimaginable from people who I'd never met or had very little in common with.

Upon receiving the second surprise package I decided to respond to express my appreciation and satisfy my desire to know "why me"? I learned that my predecessor was a Navy Lieutenant from that city and had passed on my name, so I received the gratuities that had previously been extended to him.

Half-way through my tour I began having problems with my breathing and decide to take Rest and Recuperation in the United States to evaluate the problem. Before returning to Iraq I decided to make a surprise trip to Anna, Ill, a quaint old town still reminiscent of the '40s & '50s. I met the lead lady whose job it was to ensure my packages arrived on time, and she quickly gathered the rest of the ladies. I took them to lunch, enjoying every minute of the 2 hours we shared. I remember one lady stating that while living in Anna her entire life, she'd only known of one colored family living there. Yes, it was obviously surprising to all to lay eyes on me,

We seem to have won over each other and my packages and correspondence continued regularly. Below is a letter sent to me by one of the ladies who asked that I share it with the unit.

In a young child's eyes "heroes" generally meant one who saves or protects. In school we were taught it also means someone you look up to or admire. Today, in my grown-up eyes, it means all this and so much more.

"Heroes" is a word many of my friends in the service do not want to be called. Those who haven't fought in conflicts and have remained stateside define "heroes" as those who have actually been in theatre and fought. Ask those of my military friends who have been in the war zones and they'll define "heroes" as the ones who paid the ultimate price for freedom - those who gave their lives.

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



The members of Post 7589's Auxiliary wish to congratulate Department Commander Rick Raskin for a successful Homecoming. For individuals attending, we had a great time. Thank you.

We had another successful Fall Jubilee on Saturday, October 5th!!! I would like to thank Jan Germain, Patsy Gough, Ann Mitchell, Janet Raskin, and Yvonne Sullivan for assisting me in distributing flyers and applications to the different contests for the middle and high school students and teacher of the year. Other items distributed to the public were material from the National Home for Children, Buddy Poppies, our flag and constitution, and "Thank You" cards to the Veterans. For the young children, we had them to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and gave them a Young American Award, a Pledge of Allegiance bookmark, Random Act of Patriotism card, an American flag and Patriotic pencil along with other items from the Auxiliary. We achieved our mission by meeting and greeting the public and providing them with information about our organization. We also would like to **WELCOME** a new life member who joined the Auxiliary during the Fall Jubilee: Ms. Pat Miller. Again, thank you everyone for a great day!!!

There are several events in November starting off with an 8:00 AM breakfast on November 2nd before the Manassas Veterans Day Parade at 11 AM. The Auxiliary cordially invites the comrades of the Post to attend a dinner on November 4th (our monthly meeting) at 6:30 PM to celebrate Veterans Day. The executive meeting will be at the Post at 7:00 PM and the regular meeting will start at 7:30 PM. Hope to see you there.

The Auxiliary will hold their annual Veterans Day Buddy Poppy drive at the Giant in Westgate Shopping Center on Saturday, November 9th from 9 AM-3 PM and November 10th from 10 AM-3 PM. Please let me know if you will be available to assist in this event. On Monday, November 11th, the Post and Auxiliary will lay a wreath at the Veterans Memorial at 8:30 AM and then travel to the Manassas Cemetery to place a wreath at Francis Cannon's grave site and replace old flags on veterans grave sites throughout the cemetery.

This year's education awards will be presented to the winners of the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and the Smart/ Mahler National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year at the Post on December 1st at 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided by the Auxiliary.

We are now collecting the annual membership dues for 2020. If you have paid your dues on the National MALTA computer system, "Thank You". Just a reminder that if your dues are not

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I agree with all these definitions.

My thoughts also go to those who've been wounded in service to our nation - and I think of them as heroes also. Many of them will continue to fight for years to come - constantly battling to regain mobility or even simple thought processes. Some will battle the emotional scars of battle. In my grown-up eyes, these brave men and women are also heroes. Often, after the initial wave of concern from their friends and family, they are long forgotten.

So today, as I say a special prayer remembering my grandfather and his service along with the many others who served their country and have since passed on, I also say a special prayer to all those who have given their full measure and now stand on eternal patrol - our fallen heroes. If it were not for these brave men and women, who have laid down their lives in service to their nation, this nation might not have sustained the foundations upon which it was built. I have so much to be thankful for to the men and women in uniform.

Today I also honor all those who have served (and perhaps fought or are fighting in war zones) in uniform. I have so much I want to share with each of you. Many of you want to make me believe that your supportive role there is of little value. Yet without you, those who are on the front lines couldn't accomplish all that they are doing. Every job code and duty assignment are as vital as the next. We don't have the comic strip superhero who comes to save the day - we only have each other. We must rely on each person to carry out their orders to the best of their ability if we are to succeed. So, I thank you - each of you for wearing your uniform with pride. For being willing to go to foreign shores (whether called upon or not), that our homeland might be spared from the sights and sounds of war. Thank you for continuing the battle to preserve the freedoms so many have shed blood and given their lives for. For giving hope to our children. For bringing hope to many who never knew hope before. To my World War II, Korean, Vietnam, Gulf War, OEF, and OIF Veteran friends - Thank you.

Then there are my wounded heroes - from wars and conflicts past and present, from injuries sustained in the line of duty or while serving your country - my heart is with each of you. Some of your injuries have been relatively minor, some have lost arms and legs or even worse. All of you have fought to live in those first precious hours after your injuries. You have had to fight the battle within your own self - the battle to overcome your injuries. Many of you continue even today to receive therapy (physical and emotional) and may always have a need for it. Some of you may wonder why - after all this time - why should you continue to fight. You fight for that daily strength, for that inner peace, for that first sign of progress, for that first step with your new leg - you do this because it is who you are. You are fighters, survivors. You are a member of the United States Armed Forces - Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves. You are my hope. You must never give up. You are always in my thoughts and prayers. If you EVER need a pep talk, I am always an e-mail or a phone call away - it doesn't matter if it is 2 in the afternoon or 2 in the morning. A few words of support are the least I can do for you in return for all you have done for me. Thank you. Please know in the depths of your being - you are not forgotten.

Maria Edwards

paid by December 31st, you are not a member in good standing and this will affect your cancer grant. If you still wish for the Auxiliary Treasurer to assist you with your payment of \$20.00, please submit your payment to Elanor Doczi at: 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Again, thank you in advance.

The deadline is **November 30th** for the Auxiliary's annual fundraiser with Wreaths Across America (WAA). If you haven't purchased your sponsorships, please consider doing so. For each \$15.00 wreath that is purchased, \$5.00 comes back to the Auxiliary. This allows us to assist veterans and their families. The Wreaths Across America event at Quantico Cemetery will be held at noon on December 14th. The order forms can be printed from our website at www.vfw7589.org. or you can also contact Ginger Harvey at 571/285-6243 or gch1130@aol.com. To learn more about WAA or to pay for your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/> and remember to include our Sponsoring Group ID No. **VA0040P** and Cemetery ID No. **VAQNCT**. Hope to see you there to assist in laying wreaths. Thank you for your continuous support.

I wish to remind everyone of the 8th District meeting to be held on Saturday, November 17th at our Post with lunch being served at noon and the joint meeting at 1:00 PM. Our Department representative will be the Department President Marcia Semones. This will be the first time she has visited our Post.

The Auxiliary's December meeting (Christmas party) will be held at the Yorkshire Restaurant at 6:00 PM. Please bring a gift for exchange (not to exceed \$10 in value). Please RSVP and let me know if you will be able to attend this annual December 2nd event. We look forward to a little social time with friends. There is also the Post Holiday party at City Tavern on December 15th starting at 3:00 PM. In order to know how many individuals will be attending the event, you will have to RSVP. More information is forthcoming.

We want to thank the community for their continuous support to the veterans overseas by donating their coupons. Just a reminder that the coupons are good for six months after the expiration date here in the states. We have given \$17,028.95 toward the coupons project and look forward to more support.

The life membership to the VFW National Home for Children is \$50. The VFW and Auxiliary have the National Home for Children high on their list for assisting veterans and their families. For several years our Auxiliary has held a Life Membership to the National Home. Please consider supporting them.

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

Respectfully,
Mary Corkhill
Auxiliary President



Youth News & Notes



Lou Filippone

Greetings to all Comrades and Auxiliary members. I hope this newsletter finds you all well as we prepare for the upcoming holidays. Our last Youth Committee meeting was held on Thursday, 17 October at 7:00 PM. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Paul Chase, Dave Mattingly, Peter MacLeod and myself.

Understandably the meeting concentrated on the student essay contests and on the teacher program. The deadline for all

contests will coincide with the release of this newsletter. At our meeting we discussed last minute entries, the schools that were most responsive, and the general level of participation with all the schools contacted. We also reviewed our strategy for collecting the applications. No numbers are available yet, but let me just say this should be a good year for our Post and we should be well represented in the District judging.

The first night of Post judging for Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year is scheduled for Friday, 1 November at Peter and Jean MacLeod's home at 6:30 PM. A second night of judging will be necessary and details will be announced. I can also announce the details of District Eight judging. It is scheduled for Sunday, 24 November at Post 7589 at 9AM. Lastly, the Department Voice of Democracy Selection Board or Judging will be held on Sunday, 22 December, again, at Post 7589 at 9:00 AM. Please come and participate with us this year in the judging process especially since all three events are local. Many of our Department VOD judges will be traveling from all corners of the state so we really need a good presence from all of you, especially since we are hosting it in Manassas. Sign-up sheets will be available at the next meeting if you would like to attend any, or all, of the judging events.

Just a reminder about our awards ceremony which is held to recognize all the contest winners. It is scheduled for Sunday, 1 December at the Post at 4:00 PM. It is a proud moment for teachers, students and parents and is an enjoyable evening every year. Our guest speaker this year is our very own Comrade Bobby Knight and we are grateful for his participation. He promises to excite and entertain our students at the ceremony and we all look forward to his presentation. Please consider assisting us, firstly, with your attendance but also with setting up, greeting guests, parking lot coordination and then closing down after the event. Refreshments will be provided by the Auxiliary and, as always, a big thank you goes out to President Mary Corkhill and her committee for all they do. Awards will be presented by both the Post and Auxiliary. Senior Vice Commander Ron Link always does a great job printing the award certificates for us and I know he will be there for us again this year.

This has been a quiet period for Scouting. There is a scheduled Cub Scout meeting for Pack 1372 at the Post on Wednesday, 13 November. Tina and Alex Bliem informed me that Scouts

looking for service hours would be willing to volunteer time at our Post. We need to present them with a list of activities and they will assist us. Some possible ideas could be food drives, yard cleanup or help with some of our events. Please give us your ideas and suggestions. We are planning another Flag Retirement Ceremony later in the spring of 2020 with our Scouts from Troop and Pack 1372 and will be inviting other Scout units as well. More information will be available on this after the New Year.

The upcoming Veterans' Week is one filled with activities for students and Scouts. Most of these activities are wonderfully coordinated by Comrade Peter MacLeod who works tirelessly on several committees including Youth and Americanism. I know he will be making a detailed announcement in the newsletter on the week's schedule of events. I just wanted to touch upon a few of the events that involve our youth. Annually we have comrades from our Post speak to students at area schools. The students at these events love listening to our Veterans discuss their time and experiences in the military and then asking them questions. Hopefully we can inspire some of our youth through this experience to serve our country as we did. Tina and Alex Bliem will also be participating in an assembly at Cougar Elementary School on Monday, 4 November at 8:30 AM. As part of our Veteran's Day Memorial Service at the Manassas Cemetery our Scouts will participate in the remembrance of Francis Cannon and will also perform flag placements at veteran's graves. We are all so proud and grateful to everyone who contributes and participates in our Veteran's Week Program.

Our next Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 21 November and comes at a very busy time for us. Please join us and work with our committee mentoring our youth and instilling patriotism. There is work to do but the rewards are immeasurable.

With best regards,
Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair

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!

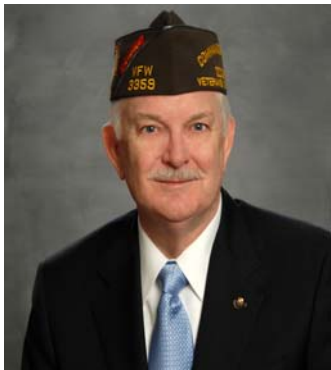
We are currently accepting new resident families into our program.

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

800-313-4200

A Great Place to Call Home!

Past Commander in Chief Glen Gardner to speak at Winter Council of Administration



Commander-in-Chief William "Doc" Schmitz has designated Past Commander-in-Chief Glen M. Gardner, Jr., to represent the national organization at your Department Winter Council of Administration meeting and Awards Banquet, January 10-12, 2020, in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Glen Gardner was elected commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars on August 21, 2008, at the 109th VFW National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

VFW National Convention in Orlando, Fla.

Glen served in the U. S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970. He served as an aircraft mechanic with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Aircraft Group 12 in Chu Lai, Vietnam, 1968 to 1969. He was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with device and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

In 1969, Glen joined VFW Post 2993 in Olathe, Kan. Later, when he moved to Texas, Glen joined Post 3359 in Garland where he maintains his Gold Legacy Life membership. He was elected Post commander in 1977 and again in 1983, and served as Post quartermaster for five terms. He earned the title of All-American District commander in 1981-1982. Glen served as the adjutant/quartermaster for the Department of Texas, 1984-2006. Glen has served on several national committees, including the National By-Law Review committee for 19 years and as chairman of the Budget and Finance committee.

Glen and his wife, Jean, reside in Round Rock, Texas. They have three children (one deceased), four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Annual members...

Upgrade to Life membership and receive a \$50 gift certificate for the VFW store.

This offer also applies to those signing up as life members or Installment Life when they complete their membership agreement.

Going Fishing! Going Boating!



Veterans Fishing Adventure was started by a Veteran of the US Marine Corps and his daughter who have shared their passion of fishing with others. We offer Veterans and their families fishing and boating trips on the Potomac River in Fairfax VA and Occoquan River in Lorton, VA.

Though no veteran is turned away, this organization will specialize in fishing and boating adventures for veterans of the US Armed Forces that have mobility issues.

Our boat was completed in January 2018 and is a custom design. It is 29 feet long and can accommodate up to 5 wheelchair guests. This boat will allow those in wheelchairs or those with mobility issues to directly board from the shore and enjoy a relaxing day on the water. Those veterans who are disabled will be able to take their children fishing and fully participate or just enjoy a family outing on the water.

We are a 100% volunteer organization and proud to offer this opportunity at **no cost** to those that have served our country. We are a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

For more information about the organization or to inquire about a trip, please email us at info@veteransfishingadventure.org or call us at 703-619-0798. Please follow us on Facebook: **Veterans Fishing Adventure**. Web: www.veteransfishingadventure.org



Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

The main legislative issues are as follows:
1) The President has signed a Continuing Resolution guaranteeing continued government operation through November 21st. The Senate still has not passed any appropriation bills. The House has passed 12 of the 14.

2) The senate voted 94 to 0 to approve separate legislation for the SBP/DIC to be broken apart for widowed members of military service members. It is also still in

the House version of the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act that is still in conference.

3) There is still movement to create a study before the DoD reduces medical staff arbitrarily by 18%,

Major US Army Policy Change affecting Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). ANC has put out proposed rules to change burial. If no significant opposition occurs through the Federal Register, the rules will go into effect in 90 day.

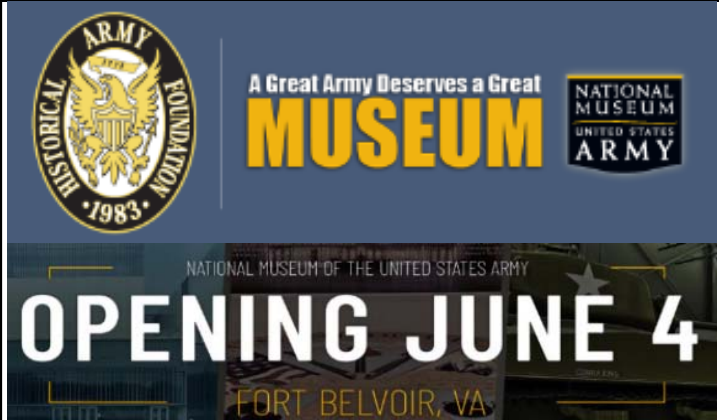
Under the latest proposal, 1,000 grave sites would be set aside for current and future Medal of Honor recipients, to ensure space is reserved for those recipients of the highest military honor. In addition to them, below-ground burials would be restricted to these other military groups:

- Troops killed in action, to include repatriated remains
- Purple Heart recipients
- Award recipients of the Silver Star or a higher honor
- Combat-related service deaths “while conducting uniquely military activities”
- Former prisoners of war
- Veterans with combat service who “made significant contributions to the nation’s security” in other government posts
- Former presidents and vice presidents of the United States

Spouses of eligible individuals would also be allowed burial at their loved-ones plots.

Above-ground inurnment of ashes will be open to any veterans from World War II, military retirees, veterans who served in combat and spent at least two years in the ranks, and veterans without any combat service who “made significant contributions to the nation’s security” in other government posts.

Currently, any military retiree is eligible for below-ground burial at the site, and any veteran who left the service under honorable conditions is eligible for inurnment of ashes. The former group would only be eligible for inurnment now, while many of the later would not be eligible for any admission to Arlington.



<http://clipart-library.com/>

Grace United Methodist Church to host Veteran's Luncheon

Veterans are invited to enjoy lunch at the Grace United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 10 starting at 12:00 noon.

The Fellowship Hall is located adjacent to the parking lot entrance of the church at 9750 Wellington Rd, Manassas, VA.

RSVP by November 1 — 703-361-7800

office@umcgrace.org

Cougar Elementary Veteran's Assembly

Monday November 2

Arrive 8:30 AM

Assembly begins at 9:00 AM

Location: 9330 Brandon St.
Manassas Park, VA

For additional information call or email Alex or Tina Bliem 703-330-1140

abliems@gmail.com

tbliems@gmail.com

State Commander's and State President's Homecoming — October 12 Post 9808, Mechanicsville, VA

Photos by Pete MacLeod



Hal Roesch's Homecoming



August 27-30, 2020

Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk
Waterfront Hotel
425 Water Street
Portsmouth, VA 23704

Our own Hal Roesch will be the Commander-in-Chief next year and this is huge for us! The registration packet for his homecoming is on our Post's website and registration is now open. www.vfw7589.org

The Department of Virginia encourages all Posts, Districts, and members to consider sponsoring a hole for the golf tournament to help defray the cost of the homecoming. The sponsorship form is in the packet.

We hope to see a significant turnout from our Post.

Rick Raskin
State Commander
QM Post 7589

**Virginia Department of Veterans
Services Manassas Office**

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

National President to visit Virginia



Peggy Haake will visit
Auxiliaries in District 9
November 13—15

You're invited to come and meet her and help show her what a great state we live in.

Nov. 13, 2019	1:33 p.m.	Arrival and greeting at Roanoke/Blacksburg Airport
		Depart airport for check-in at hotel Comfort Inn Valley View 5070 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012
	2:00 p.m.	540-527-2020 Room Cost \$.79 + tax RSVP by Nov. 6
	3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m	Depart for Tour and dinner with Veterans at Virginia Veterans Care Center 4550 Shenandoah Ave. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017 <i>Members must purchase Dinner Tickets at Front Desk. \$ 4.00</i>
Nov. 14, 2019	8:30 – 11:30 am	Breakfast at hotel and FREE time
	11:30 – 1:15 p.m	Lunch at Hibachi Grill, Depart for National D Memorial
	2:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Tour of National D-Day Memorial by tour Guide. <i>Members Must purchase tickets at desk \$ 8.00 (with member card)</i>
	4:30 – 7:00 pm	Depart Memorial for Dinner at Olde Liberty Station 515 Bedford Ave., Bedford, VA 24523 RSVP by Nov. 6
Nov.15, 2019	8:00 a.m	Breakfast at Hotel
		Depart for Auxiliary 1184
		Brunch at Old Dominion Auxiliary 1184 2 Dora Hwy, Pulaski, VA 24301
		Depart for Hillsville, Virginia
		Flag ceremony at Hillsville VFW Post 1115
	5:00 p.m.	Dinner at Grover King Auxiliary 1115 701 W. Stuart Dr Hillsville, VA 24343 7:00 p.m. Depart for Roanoke
Nov. 16, 2019	5:45 a.m.	President Peggy Depart for Airport

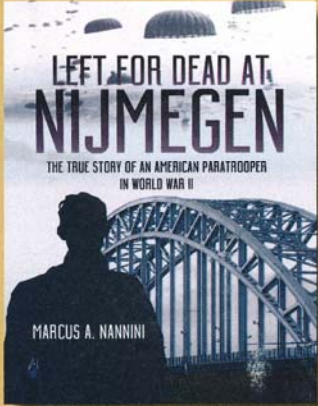
RSVP to: tesoro0527@yahoo.com

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Left for Dead at Nijmegen:

The True Story of an American Paratrooper in World War II

DISCUSSION WITH BOOK SIGNING - FREE ADMISSION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, AT NOON, WILLIAM G. MCGOWAN THEATER



Marcus Nannini's *Left for Dead at Nijmegen* recalls the larger-than-life experiences of an American paratrooper, Gene Metcalfe, who served in the 82nd Airborne during WWII. As part of Operation Market Garden, Metcalfe was to be among the first to jump into what should have been a meadow, free of German troops. Instead, it was defended by three German anti-aircraft cannon emplacements. Metcalfe was listed as KIA and left for dead by his patrol but survived his wounds as a POW outside Munich. Metcalfe will join Nannini in conversation and provide a first-hand account of his war experiences. A book signing follows the program.

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Disabled veterans eligible for free National Park Service lifetime access pass

Good for entry into 400+ National Parks and over 2000 recreation sites across the country

By **Steven Clipp**, *Communications Specialist, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

Spring flowers are blooming, the summer travel season quickly approaches and veterans are joining the 330-million yearly visitors enjoying U.S. National Parks.

Many veterans, with a service connected disability rating, are entering Federal parks for free with the [Lifetime National Parks Access Pass](#) from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Good for entry into 400+ National Parks and over 2,000 recreation sites across the country, the Lifetime Access Pass is another way a grateful nation says thank you for the service and sacrifices of veterans with disabilities.

The [Access Pass](#) admits disabled veterans and any passengers in their vehicle (non-commercial) at per-vehicle fee areas; and, the pass owner plus three additional adults where per-person fees are charged. In addition to free entry at participating parks, the Access Pass includes discounts on [expanded amenity fees](#); such as camping, swimming, boat launching and guided tours.

Veterans who have a VA disability rating, (10 percent or higher) are eligible for the Lifetime Access Pass—with two ways to apply.



First, disabled veterans can apply in person at a [participating federal recreation site](#). Simply present photo identification (Driver's license, State ID, Passport) and documentation proving a permanent disability (VA awards letter, VA ID with service connected annotation, VA summary of benefits, or receipt of Social Security disability income). That's it. The Pass is free and issued at the time of entry.

Second, if applying by mail, send a completed packet and \$10 processing fee to the United States Geological Survey (USGS). The packet should include:

- The [Access Pass application form](#)
- Proof of residency
- VA disability award letter, VA summary of benefits, or proof of SSDI income

Pass delivery expected 10-12 weeks after receipt.

using your Lifetime Access Pass and enjoy the majestic scenery and abundant recreational opportunities our National Parks provide.

Make sure to have photo ID available when

"The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly."

– Jim Rohn



Support Virginia's Veterans



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VFW Gun Raffle Tickets

5 Prizes:

Weatherby Vanguard .308

Savage Axis 30-06 Package

Savage Axis .308 Camo Package

Savage Axis .308 Camo Package

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\$5/ticket

Drawing: January 11, 2020

Upcoming Events

November 2	Breakfast for the Veterans — 8:00 AM — Post Home
	Veteran's Parade - 11 AM
November 4	Cougar Elementary Veteran's Assembly — Arrive 8:30 AM — POC: Tina Bliem 703-330-1140
	Dinner for the Vets - 6:00 PM
	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Monthly Meeting 7:30 PM
November 9	Buddy Poppy Drive for Auxiliary - Giant at Westgate, 9-3
November 10	Buddy Poppy Drive for Auxiliary - Giant at Westgate 10-3
November 11	Veterans Day Activities/8:30 AM Manassas Veterans Memorial - 9 AM Manassas Cemetery
November 13-15	National President's Visit — Roanoke, Bedford, Pulaski and Hillsville
November 15	Youth Committee 7 PM
November 17	8th District Meeting - Manassas - Lunch 12 Noon/Meeting 1 PM
November 29	Auxiliary 21st Anniversary
November 30	Wreaths Across America fundraiser (Deadline)
2020	
December 1	VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher - Refreshments 4 PM
December 2	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Auxiliary Meeting - 6:00 PM /Yorkshire Restaurant/Xmas party
December 7	Manassas Christmas Parade (TBD)
	Pearl Harbor Day
December 14	Wreaths Across America, Quantico Cemetery - 12 noon
December 15	Post's Christmas Party (City Tavern) 3 PM
December 20	Youth Committee 7 PM
January 6	Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM
	Post/Auxiliary Meeting 7:30 PM
January 10-12	Winter Conference, Portsmouth, VA
January 14	Day on the Hill (TBD)
January 16	Youth Committee 7 PM

Post 7589 members can enjoy 2 complimentary beverages courtesy of Commander Wayne Moore

American Legion Post 10 Dining

Menu items and prices are subject to change without notice.

Whether you are stopping by for one of our lunch specials or looking for a reasonably priced dinner, we're sure you'll find something at Post 10 to satisfy your appetite!

We are open for lunch during the weekdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Among our regular items are burgers, sandwiches, soups, salads, wings, and other items. We often have lunch specials in addition to our regular menu.

Wednesday nights feature Wings & Ribs from 5:30 - 8 PM

Grill specials on Thursday evenings (during summer months).

Friday Night is Seafood Night, with an a la cart seafood menu highlighting steamed shrimp and crab legs, fried seafood baskets, pizza, chicken tenders, and our fantastic funnel cake! All served from 5:30 – 7:45pm.

Saturday Night is Carnivore Night! We usually have New York Strip and T-Bone steaks along with a "non-red-meat" selection. The third Saturday of each month we replace the steaks with Prime Rib. Served from 6:00 - 8:00pm.

As always a selection of beer, wines, and soft drinks are available during all operating hours.



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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

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

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****SORRY — WE CANNOT TAKE GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS****
 Please note that all sponsorships are sent directly to the location and no wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

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		
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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.)

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

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On **Saturday, December 14, 2019**, Wreaths Across America ceremonies will take place at over 1200 locations in the USA and beyond.

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PLEASE JOIN US -- All wreaths will be placed by volunteers on **Saturday, December 14, 2019 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?**

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