

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
November 2020

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Scouts prepare to race their entries at the “Rain Gutter Regatta” held at the Post on Sept. 30

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DON'T COMPLAIN**

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## Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

### PRECURSOR TO THE NAVY SEALS

The Navy Seals did not come into being until January 1962. However, as much as 20 years earlier the need for that particular skillset existed and enhanced warfare during WWII. The intent was to create an elite agency with units created for conducting guerrilla warfare as well as collecting and sabotaging intelligence

behind enemy lines.

#### Maritime Unit (Frogman)

The Maritime Unit's mission was to infiltrate agents and supply resistance groups by sea, conduct maritime sabotage, and to develop specialized maritime surface and subsurface equipment and devices. The Maritime Unit (MU) grew out of the Special Operations (SO) aquatic training requirement when it became apparent that the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) needed a specialized amphibious capability. Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Navy, and Army personnel helped MU pioneer special operations maritime capability.

The Maritime Unit operated in several theaters. In the Mediterranean, a fleet of hired Greek wooden fishing vessels—called *caiques*—covertly supported OSS agents in Albania, Greece, and Yugoslavia. After Italy surrendered, the MU and the San Marco battalion, an elite Italian special operations naval unit, operated against the Germans. In the Far East, the MU operated in conjunction with an Operational Group to attack Japanese forces on the Arakan coast of Burma. They jointly conducted reconnaissance missions on the Japanese-held coast, sometimes penetrating several miles up enemy-controlled rivers.

The MU was a special operations pioneer. In addition to being an early maritime warfare force, it developed or used several innovative devices, including an inflatable surfboard, a two-man kayak, and limpet mines that attached to the hull of a ship. Dr. Christian J. Lambertsen, then a U.S. Army captain, developed the Lambertsen Rebreathing Unit (LARU), an early underwater breathing device. The Lambertsen unit permitted a swimmer to remain underwater for several hours and to approach targets undetected because the LARU did not emit telltale air bubbles. The LARU was later refined, adapted, and the technology used by the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and NASA. The Army Special Forces Underwater Operations School at Key West, Florida, the home of Special Forces maritime operations, draws its roots from the Maritime Unit. Dr. Christian Lambertsen is remembered today as the 'Father of Military Underwater Operations.'

TRIVIA: Actor Sterling Hayden was one of the Army's elite Frogmen!

Source: [www.arsof-history.org/oss/6\\_maritime](http://www.arsof-history.org/oss/6_maritime) 10/2/2020

## Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

I received the following email from National Headquarters regarding the VFW Legislative Conference. "The VFW Auxiliary National Secretary-Treasurer Ann Panteleakos received the following notice from VFW National Headquarters today, Friday, October 16, concerning the 2021 VFW Legislative Conference and Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners: **"Regrettably, as a result of restrictions directly associated with access to the**

**Dirksen Building and those same restrictions also applying to the Commander-in-Chief's testimony, we are cancelling the February/March 2021 Legislative Conference and are exploring other opportunities for the execution of the Voice of Democracy Parade of Winners."** National will provide more information as it is received."

Scout Troop 1372, along with other organizations, will be holding another flag retirement ceremony on Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm. If you have a flag that is soiled or tattered, this would be a great opportunity to properly dispose of it.

The Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11<sup>th</sup> will be very small this year due to the Coronavirus. We will still have the wreath laying at the Manassas Veterans Memorial and travel to the Manassas Cemetery for the wreath laying ceremony at Francis Cannon's grave site. Flags will be placed throughout the cemetery by the Scouts.

The 8th District meeting is scheduled for November 21 at Post 7589. Due to the Post having one large room, the Auxiliary meeting will start at 8:30 AM. We will be practicing social distancing and mask wearing. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided. The joint meeting with the comrades will start at 10:00 AM for those who wish to remain.

The 2020-2021 Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award ceremony is still scheduled for December 6 at 4:00 PM. The Auxiliary will provide pre-wrapped refreshments. If anything changes, we will let you know.



I wish to thank the Auxiliary members who participated in our first fundraiser by mail. After the request went out, we were informed that two restaurants are willing to assist the Auxiliary in a fundraiser: The Panda Express "Virtual Community" fundraiser and Foster's Grille "Dining for Dollars". Panda Express is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, 2020 from 10:30 AM – 9:30 PM. **This is online orders only.** Apply code **901111** in the Coupon Code box during online checkout at [order.panadaexpress.com](http://order.panadaexpress.com). Ordering online for Pickup or Delivery from any Panda location across the nation. Foster's Grille is scheduled for Tuesday, December

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## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds all comrades and auxiliary members safe and well. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 22 October 2020 at the Post. Those in attendance were Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, comrades Alex and Tina Bliem and me. Comrade Peter MacLeod participated by phone. The general discussion concentrated on the essay contests and the 31 October deadline. Due to virtual

learning in the schools we don't quite have the captive audience with school administrators and students that we were accustomed to in years past. Consequently, the number of entries is way down. This is a Department wide slowdown and is not just affecting our Post. I've reached out to other Posts in our District and they also mention a greatly reduced participation in this year's contests. Fortunately, we can still count on private religious schools and home school programs to carry us through. We are currently in the process of collecting our completed applications and preparing them for Post judging.

I recently sent out an email calling for judges and invite you to participate. Let me remind everyone we have two judging dates scheduled and both are being held at the Post. The first judging is Friday, 30 October at 6:00 PM and the second one is scheduled for Sunday, 1 November at 9:00 AM. The number of entries received will determine how many additional judging dates will be required. If you've never judged for the essay contests before don't be concerned about the process. We will instruct you on what to do and will also provide you with food and beverages during the event. It is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate the patriotic spirit and literary talent of our young students while making a real contribution to these students and to the Youth Committee. Once the winners have been selected, they will be notified and recognized at our annual awards ceremony in December. The first-place winners will also advance to the District competition in early November. A separate District judging session will also be required and I will announce that date, for all interested individuals, shortly. Please join us at these judging events if you can. The Youth Committee would love to have you.

Let me just mention again we are holding our second Flag Retirement Ceremony this fall. At the 9-11 ceremony we only retired one barrel of flags and have over four barrels left over. Because of this, and because of greatly reduced Veteran's Day Scouting activities this year due to Covid, we have decided to hold another Flag Retirement Ceremony. This one is scheduled for Sunday, 8 November at the Post at 9:00 AM. Unfortunately, due to other Scout commitments, hall rentals and approaching winter weather the morning of Sunday, 8 November was the only time we could hold this event without rescheduling it to the spring of next year. To accommodate our Scouts and attendees, and give them time for religious worship, we will conduct this flag retirement on a more flexible schedule. In essence, come

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8, 2020 from 11 am – 9 pm at the Manassas Old Town location. They have provided coupons that you must show when purchasing a meal (whether your order is for dining in, carry out, or curbside delivery). The coupons allow our organization to get credit for each meal that is purchased. **Please** assist the Auxiliary in both of these events. Thank you.



With the Coronavirus still active, we have to look for ways to raise funds so we can assist and support our veterans and their families. These are trying times and we are requesting your assistance with our annual fundraiser with Wreaths Across America (WAA). When you purchase a \$15.00 wreath, 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**. Auxiliary 7589 deadline's for your sponsorship is **November 30, 2020**. At this time, the "Wreaths Across America Day" is still scheduled for December 19, 2020 throughout the U.S. You can print the form from our website. Thank you for your support.



From the VFW National Home for Children website: "Families are welcomed to this small-town community where they may live for up to 4 years. They work to identify what they need and want to accomplish, during which time they are provided: single family housing, education, daycare, basic needs and recreation. A caring professional dedicated to provide the expertise, compassion, support and guidance needed for the family to succeed. Military and Veteran Family Helpline is 800-313-4200 to speak with one of their experienced problem-solvers who care deeply about veterans and their families." You can become a Life Member to the National Home by forwarding your application and \$50 to the VFW National Home for Children, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327.

Since I had stated in my last communication that we were unable to collect coupons, I couldn't believe the coupons that we have received in the past month. Therefore, if you have some coupons, please continue to bring them to the Post and we will forward them to the veterans overseas. I'm so glad to see that the pandemic isn't stopping you from collecting the coupons for our veterans. There has been a total value of \$15,688.17 in coupons collected for our veterans overseas since July 2020. Thank you so much for your support with this project for the Auxiliary.

As always, 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, let us know. We are still facing uncertain and challenging times, so please remember to keep everyone safe by following the guidelines set forth by the local and state authorities.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President





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when you can and leave when you must. Setup is scheduled for 8:30 AM and the event should conclude no later than 1:00PM. The ceremony will be conducted by Scouts primarily from the Post's Troop 1372 and will also include Scouts from other Troops and Packs from the local area. We also have been contacted by the DAR who have also shown interest and will be attending. I would like to invite all comrades and Auxiliary members from our Post to also participate. We hope you can make it and spend the morning with a great bunch of young Americans and Scouts.

As far as Scout participation is concerned on Veteran's Day, I have been informed that it will be somewhat limited this year to a very small number of Scouts due to Covid restrictions. As you know we will not have or participate in the annual Manassas Veteran's Day Parade. Scouts however will still be allowed to assist with the wreath and flag placement at the Veteran's Memorial and at the Francis Cannon grave site. The number of Scouts this year will be restricted to small groups of two or three. Hopefully, everything next year will return to normal with all our programs and activities when this horrible threat of the pandemic subsides. It can't come soon enough.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 19 November 2020 at the Post at 7:00 PM. Please attend our meeting and support our youth, our nation's most precious resource. Stay well and we will see you soon.

With best regards,  
Lou Filippone



Veterans Day 2020 is on Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 2020. This Veterans Day discounts list will continue to be updated as we learn of more nationally available Veterans Day discounts, meals or other ways businesses and organizations want to give back to veterans. These Veterans Day discounts, free meals and other programs are being shared so that veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors are aware of all resources available to them.

Due to COVID-19, some organizations are now offering discounts to veterans all the time instead of their regular Veterans Day discounts. These adjustments help veterans take advantage of the discounts offered while avoiding the usual Veterans Day crowds.

For the list of discounts visit:

<https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/80347/veterans-day-2020-discounts/>

## Legislative Update



Monti Zimmerman

The JLC met in October and created the 2021 priority list. The options for when and how we address Richmond storming will be decided at the end of the first week in December.

The priority items in order are as follow:

**JLC 2021-01** Income Tax Subtraction for Certain Low-Income Disabled Veterans (same issue from last year)

**JLC 2021-02** Tax Credits for Employers Who Hire National Guard and Reserves (same issue from last year)

**JLC 2021-03** Expand Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Military Services Members "Killed in Action" to also include "Died on Active Duty" (This issue will require a ballot initiative and will bring the "missing group" of surviving spouses in line with the benefits from those Killed in Action).

**JLC 2021-04** Disabled Veteran State Park Passport (expands the benefit to all with a VA disability who are enrolled in the VHA and have a VHA ID card).

**JLC 2021-05** Free entry to state parks for Guard members (as stated).

**JLC 2021-06** No cost license plates for Guard members (for one vehicle)

**JLC 2021-07** Partial State Tax Exemption for Military Retirement Income (the actual benefit is very small, \$1,250 off of state taxable income for those under age 65; \$2,500 for those over age 65, but it gets a benefit on the books, moving Virginia from one of seven states with no comparable benefit).

Monti

## Please Vote YES on Ballot Initiative 2

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.

## 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



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| 7    | 23 | FREE 12514 | 47 | 68 |
| 12   | 18 | 38         | 56 | 69 |
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Deadline December 16, 2020

## Cub Scouts hold "Rain Gutter Regatta"

Article and photos by Alex Bliem

On September 30, our Cub Scout pack held a Rain Gutter Regatta competition. The annual Regatta is similar to the pinewood derby except the Scouts make and decorate their own boats from a kit and see who can reach the end of the track the fastest by blowing into the sail. Afterwards there are several awards that are handed out such as 1st through 3rd and some other miscellaneous and fun awards that the Scouts can win. This has been a yearly tradition in our Cub Scout Pack for many years and is always a lot of fun for the younger Scouts. This year we had 9 Cub Scouts enter the race.

The Scouts and leadership are very grateful for the use of the Post grounds to hold these functions.

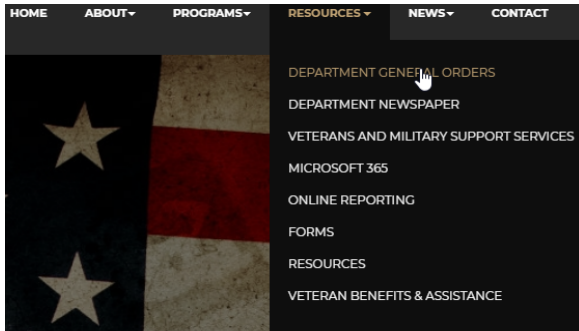


SUBMITTED PHOTOS

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



# Department General Orders *Monthly updates from VFW Virginia*



## Post 7589 wins life membership drawing

### *Executive Committee selects Heidi BruMar*

As part of State Commander Eric Mallett’s 2020-21 membership plan:

“...there will be four (4) Life Membership drawings and one (1) Post will be selected for each drawing. Posts must meet their membership quota by the day prior to drawing to be eligible...”

We are proud to have been selected and have awarded the free life membership to comrade Heidi BruMar. Heidi has been active in both the VFW and American Legion and participates in many color guard events; representing both organizations.



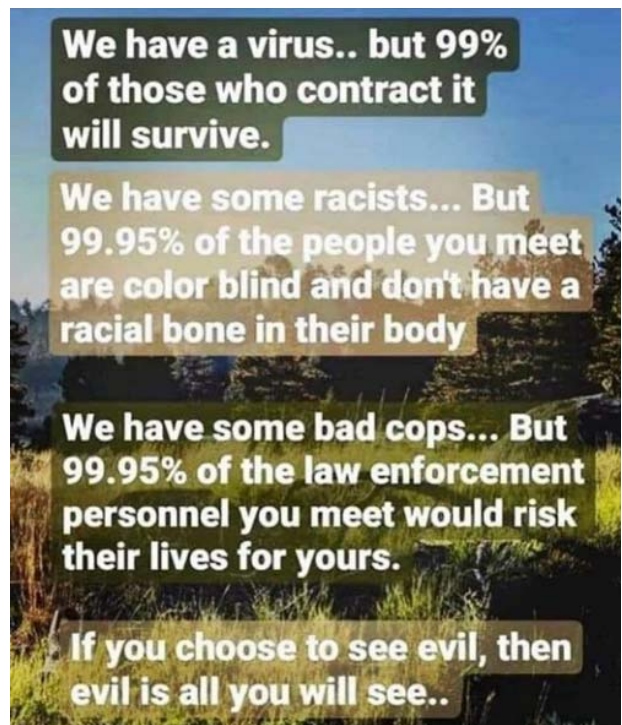
RICK RASKIN / POST 7589

Heidi was recognized at our October 5 membership meeting.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dave Mattingly plays our sponsored hole at the annual Colin Wolfe Golf Tournament on October 5th.



## National Museum of the United States Army opens November 11, 2020.



We are very excited to announce that the National Museum of the United States Army will open its doors on **November 11, 2020**.

Free timed-tickets are now available through the Museum's website at [theNMUSA.org](https://www.theNMUSA.org). These tickets will be required for entry and we expect them to be in high demand.

To ensure everyone's safety, the Museum is preparing to open our doors in accordance with CDC guidelines and in consultation with public health experts. The Museum will promote social distancing by limiting the number of visitors in the building, offering 'grab and go' refreshments in the café, modifying some of the interactive exhibits, and enhancing cleaning procedures.

The opening ceremony will be limited to a small gathering of Army leaders, but the occasion will be livestreamed to allow people around the world to witness the historic moment. A link to the livestream will be posted on the Museum's website and social media channels as soon as it's available.

You can learn more about our efforts to protect everyone's health on the Museum's website.

Again, we are excited to make this long-awaited announcement.

## Threatening phone scams are targeting parents and immigrants

October 19, 2020 by  
Cristina Miranda

Division of Consumer and Business Education, FTC  
Two disturbing phone scams have popped up on the FTC's radar. Both scams have one thing in common: they want to trick (and scare) you out of money. If you live on Staten Island, pay close attention, since these two scams seem to be targeting people in your area. But we know that scammers don't often stick with one area, so they could expand their target area any time now.

### Phone scam extorting parents

This scam starts with someone texting you a picture of your own child — that they could've grabbed off of the internet, like your public social media account. Sometimes, these scammers also send frightening pictures, like images of dismembered bodies. In either case, the messages come with the threat that the scammer knows where you live and will kill your family if you don't pay them. If you get a call like this, report it to your local police right away, before you do anything else.

### Phone scam targeting immigrant

This scam starts as an imposter call from someone pretending to be from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). These scammers often say your immigration status is being revoked, and the police are on their way to arrest or deport you — unless you pay them money right away.

These are both scams. As scary as they seem, if you've gotten these kinds of messages or calls:

- **Don't respond to calls or texts, and don't pay**, even in the face of threats. Scammers will often try to pressure and intimidate you to get your money or information.

**Report these scams** to your local police department, and then tell the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

- **Set your social media accounts to private**. This can keep scammers from getting personal details, or grabbing pictures you don't want shared.

**Know that the government will never call or text to threaten you or ask for money.** If you're concerned, look up the agency's real number and call them directly. Ask them what the story is. For more tips, check out this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=JxSivVvwoeA&feature=youtu.be>

Submitted by Gunny Lewis



## Fees at national parks waived for veterans, Gold Star families starting next month

By Leo Shane III / Military Times

Starting next month, veterans and Gold Star families will be able to visit national parks and other public lands for free, under a new initiative from the Department of the Interior announced on Wednesday.

Active-duty service members and their families are already granted free access to those sites under existing department rules. The new announcement broadens that benefit to more than 20 million more individuals in recognition of their service and sacrifice on behalf of the country.

In a statement, Interior Secretary David Bernhardt said the move gives all veterans “free access to the iconic and treasured lands they fought to protect.” The policy goes into effect starting on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Bernhardt and other federal officials made the announcement during a ceremony at the Iowa Gold Star Museum, which focuses on the history of the state’s veterans and their families.

“Our veterans and Gold Star Families have made incredible sacrifices to defend our freedoms and our homeland,” Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a statement. “Ensuring that they are able to enjoy all of the natural wonders of the country that they’ve served is one small way of saying thank you.”

The policy includes admittance to well-known sites like Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona and Shenandoah National Park in Virginia.

Interior officials did not provide cost estimates for the move, but said that the policy change will affect about 2,000 public locations across the country. Fees for the sites can range from a few dollars per person to nearly \$100 for some weekly and annual passes.

For free access to the sites, veterans will have to present a Department of Defense Identification Card, a Veteran Health Identification Card, a government-issued Veteran ID Card or a state-issued U.S. driver’s license or identification card confirming an individual’s status as a veteran.

Gold Star family members can use similar Defense Department identification cards to verify their status.

National parks officials already run promotions throughout the year to offer free admission to all visitors on certain holidays, including Veterans Day.

While most national parks sites have remained open or re-opened in recent months amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, some programs and facilities still have limited access. Parks officials encourage all visitors to check with local parks administrators before traveling to the sites to ensure safe visits.

Bernhardt also announced Wednesday plans to waive entrance fees to national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands for all 5th grade students and their families from now until Aug. 31, 2021. The move was made because many families may not have been able to take advantage of the department’s Every Kid Outdoors Annual 4th Grade Pass program because of pandemic precautions earlier this year.

More information on the fee waivers will be posted on the department’s website <https://www.doi.gov/>



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Soldiers from the Maine Army National Guard hike down Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park on July 14, 2017.



SSG ASHLEY CORKINS / AIR FORCE

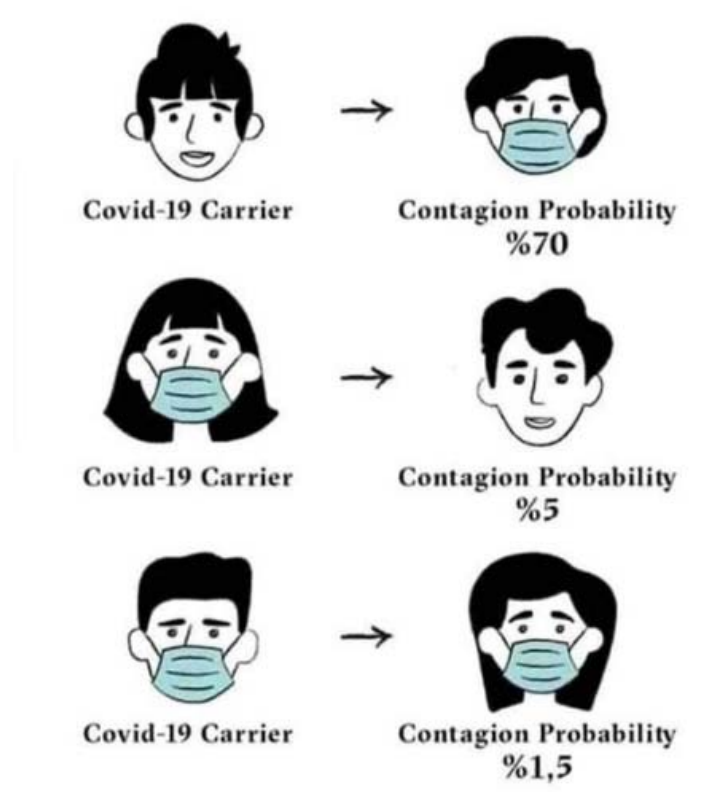
The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron "Thunderbirds" fly over Yosemite National Park on Oct. 1, 2018. Starting next month, all veterans and Gold Star families will be granted free admission to national parks like Yosemite.

Submitted by Dave Mattingly



### 2020-21 Post Officers

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| 3 Year Trustee        | Dave Mattingly |
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## Upcoming Events

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

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| 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 11<br>Veterans Day | Auxiliary Fundraiser — Order online from Panda Express (ONLINE ORDERS ONLY)   |
| 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.<br>Hosted by Warrenton Post 9835. |
| 2021                        |   |
| December 7                  | Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM  |
| December 8                  | Auxiliary Fundraiser — Dining for Dollars at Foster’s Grille  |
| December 14                 | Auxiliary Meeting — 7 PM  |
| December 19                 | Wreaths Across America – Quantico National Cemetery   |
| 2021                        |   |
| February 5-6                | State Commander’s Homecoming, Virginia Beach  |
| February 13                 | District 8 Meeting — Post 3103, Fredericksburg — 10:00 AM   |
| March 24-28                 | National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch’s Homecoming, Portsmouth, Virginia   |



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## DINING <sup>FOR</sup> DOLLARS\$

HELP SUPPORT

VFW Auxiliary 7589

WHEN: Tuesday, December 8th  
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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](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org), or call 877-385-9504.  
You can also email [infor@wreathscrossamerica.org](mailto:infor@wreathscrossamerica.org)





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**Wreath Sponsorship Form**

Sponsored wreaths are placed on the grave markers at state, and national cemeteries as well as local cemeteries each December. Wreaths may be purchased online at [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://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 |                    |       |
|   |           | <b>Grand Total</b> |       |

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**

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # Checks: \_\_\_\_\_ Reconciled: \_\_\_\_\_

MO \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Entered: \_\_\_\_\_

GEN: \_\_\_\_\_