

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
November 2022

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Members of Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill's nephew's deployed Air National Guard unit received seven boxes of goodies sent by the Scouts, the Auxiliary and the Post.

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## Commander's Message



**Wayne Moore**

Forward:

The United States Military is and always has been a microcosm of our society at large. As such within lies a diverse and complex network of people attempting to reach a common objective or goal. In my time-of-service dating back to the 60s, I have embraced ones' ability to perform the task at hand and their ability to be discreet in their personal endeavors. Here is a Comrade's experience of

life as a servicemember.

*By Heidi BruMar*

October is recognized nationally as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ)+ History Month. Our Post Commander asked me to write a piece for the newsletter. I figured I would write what I know, my own history as a lesbian veteran.

When I joined the Navy in 1990, I was asked the same question every military inductee had been asked since way, way back: are you a homosexual? For some context here, for much of history, homosexuality was considered a mental disorder. It made people ineligible for military service. In addition, the threat of blackmail loomed over homosexual people, so they could not be trusted to hold a clearance. But I digress. I was 17 years old when I was asked that question, and I answered it honestly. The answer was "no." And it was the truth. I had never kissed a girl and only dated boys. Was I denying my true self? Yes, but I didn't have that figured out yet.

At my first duty station, I met people who trusted me enough to come out to me. I remember being terrified that because I had short hair, didn't wear makeup, and only wore skirts when ordered to, these women might think I was also a lesbian. Stereotypes are always a bad idea, but in my case, I really was a lesbian but was too terrified to act on it. Why was I terrified? Because gay sailors I met who were about 10 years senior had been through witch hunts and interrogations based on who they socialized with or were caught dating.

By 1991 I figured out who I was and accepted it. I was definitely a lesbian. But now I had to lie. I wanted to stay in the Navy because I needed money for college. I needed to keep my clearance because it was required for my job. So, I couldn't talk about women I cared about or dated. I lied about where I went on weekends. We had to take drives out of town to date, sneaking around like teenagers.

1993 arrived and President Bill Clinton issued Defense Directive 1304.26 which directed the military to stop asking recruits about their sexuality. The directive took effect in February 1994. It sounded like a "kinder, gentler" military, but...we still weren't allowed to come out. We couldn't be asked, but we also couldn't tell anyone about our sexuality. Hence, the policy was nick-

*(See Commander on page 5)*

## Auxiliary President



**Mary Corkhill**



A large "THANK YOU" to Scout Troop 1372 and the Post for assisting the Auxiliary with items and postage for my

nephew's deployed Air National Guard unit. We were able to send seven boxes to them. His statement was "Everyone will appreciate the goodies, Thank you". They received the boxes and sent a picture of some individuals opening them.

Several activities for November are as follows:

- November 5th - the Post will host a breakfast starting at 7:00 AM. The Manassas Veterans Day Parade is at 11:00 AM.
- November 5th & 6th - The Post Buddy Poppy drive at Walmart in Gainesville 10 AM – 5 PM.
- November 11th - 8:30 AM the Post and Auxiliary will lay a wreath at the Manassas Veterans Memorial. At 9:00 AM at the Manassas Cemetery for the wreath ceremony at Francis Cannon's gravesite. The replacement of flags on the veterans' graves will follow.
- November 14th - Auxiliary meeting at 2:00 PM.
- November 19th - the 8th District meeting at Fredericksburg Post 3103 starting at 1:00 PM.
- November 30th - the deadline for Wreaths Across America. I hope you purchased a wreath to support the Auxiliary with their fundraiser.

Activities for December are as follows:

- December 4th - The Post Educational Award celebration at 4:00 PM. The Auxiliary will provide the refreshments.
- December 12th - Auxiliary Christmas party at the Olive Garden Restaurant starting at 1:00 PM. There will NOT be a meeting. We will have a gift exchange.
- December 17th - Wreaths Across America Day. To participate in the placing of wreaths at Quantico National Cemetery, you must preregister at Eventbrite.
- December 18th - The Post Holiday party will be from 2 PM to 5 PM. Everyone is to bring a covered dish and the Post will provide the meat.

Just a reminder for the annual members to pay their 2023 dues before December 15th. You can pay your dues through MAL-TA or send your \$20 to the Auxiliary Treasurer, Elanor Doczi, 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Thank you for your membership.

The mission of the VFW National Home for Children is to pro-

*(See Auxiliary on page 6)*

## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes all is well as we approach the busy month of November. Between Veteran's Day Week, Buddy Poppy and recruiting functions, and the Thanksgiving holiday, we will all be quite busy. Did I forget to mention that the teacher and student essay contests, judging and the awards ceremony are also on the agenda?

We held our last meeting on Thursday, 20 October at the Post. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Erika Laos, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. Comrade Peter MacLeod joined us via conference call.

I would like to personally thank all those who participated in the 15 October Flag retirement ceremony at the Post. It was supervised by Alex Bliem and was quite successful. As he reported, 500 flags were retired and 41 people attended, including Scouts from Troop 1372. We had five members of the VFW, four members of the Auxiliary including President Mary Corkhill, two parents, 14 Scout Leaders, 21 Scouts and one member of the DAR present at the ceremony. The weather was cooperative which made for a pleasant day. As you recall, we were originally supposed to hold the function on 9-11, but the event was cancelled and rescheduled due to rain. The ceremony, including the pizza party sponsored by the Auxiliary, lasted about two hours. Again thank you to everyone for a job well done.

Another event the Youth Committee participated in recently was the Manassas Fall Jubilee. Although the weather was chilly it was also a beautiful clear day full of sunshine. Our Post set up our table in front of the Freedom Museum and it was a wonderful location as compared to past years. We handed out Halloween bags to the kids and did our best to recruit for both the VFW and the Auxiliary. We also tried to recruit students for our VFW essay contests. Overall it was a great event, one that I look forward to every year.

We are now in the process of collecting our completed applications from students, teachers and schools for the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year contests. The deadline is 31 October and is quickly followed by Post judging. Since it must be completed NLT 15 November we have scheduled the following dates for judging:

Friday, 4 November at the Post at 6:00 PM  
Saturday, 12 November at the Post at 9:00 AM

If necessary a third judging -Sunday, 13 November at 9:00 AM - location to be announced.

If you are interested in participating as a judge for this year please contact me by phone at 703-477-2274 or email

at [drlouortho@aol.com](mailto:drlouortho@aol.com). We would love to have you join us and I know you will find it both a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Once our winners have been selected through the Post judging process, they must then be recognized. We accomplish this through the Annual Educational Awards Ceremony. It is scheduled for Sunday, 4 December 2022 at the Post at 4:00 PM. I am currently attempting to find a guest speaker for this event but have nothing definite so far. If you or anyone you know is interested in giving a short motivational speech to our student award winners please let me know as soon as possible. We would also encourage our membership to attend this awards ceremony and give recognition to all our wonderfully talented students and teachers. It is again another memorable and enjoyable annual VFW function that you shouldn't miss.

Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill mentioned to me at the last meeting that both she and Auxiliary member Yvonne Sullivan were scheduled to give instruction on the Pledge of Allegiance to a Home School affiliated with the Manassas Baptist Church. They are providing instructional handouts and are reciting a very inspirational Pledge for the children. Their event was scheduled for Monday, 24 October, but was postponed to a later date. I felt it was appropriate to mention it in the youth report since it is definitely youth related. Mary and Yvonne, thank you for stepping up and supporting our children!

Our Scouts from Troop and Pack 1372 will be participating in the memorial activities on Veterans Day as they do each year. They will assist in placing wreaths at both the Veterans' Memorial in Old Town Manassas and at the grave of SGT Francis P. Cannon. This is scheduled for 8:30 AM. At 9:30 the Scouts will also be placing flags at veterans graves in the Manassas Cemetery. Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, as well as Peter MacLeod and Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill, usually participate as well. Please join them on this most solemn day as we pay our respects to our fallen comrades.

Manassas Christian School in Manassas Park invites members of VFW Post 7589 to a salute to veterans at the school on Friday, November 4, at 9:15 AM. Manassas Christian School is located at 9296 W. Carondelet Dr., Manassas Park, Virginia.

Teachers say the students would like to hear from the veterans about their experiences during the war in which they served. Phone at the school is 703-393-6555 (ask to speak to Mrs. Ferguson).

Our next Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 17 November 2022 at the Post at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there and know you'll find it rewarding once you join us.

With best regards,  
Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair

# Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem  
Post 7589 Scouting  
Representatives

October saw a few activities for our Scouts:

On 10/15 our Scouts conducted a flag retirement ceremony that had been rescheduled from 9/11 because of bad weather. The Scouts and adults retired an estimated 500 flags. We had Scouts in attendance from every one of our Scouting units as well as parents and leaders. We also had numerous members of our VFW Post, Auxiliary and D.A.R. This was a great accomplishment for our Scouts to respectfully retire that many flags during one ceremony.

The weekend of 10/21 some of our Scouts went camping at Camp Rock Enon which is west of Winchester. Here they participated in multiple "Mountain Man" competitions which included many marksmanship challenges with thrown projectiles and ri-

fls. The Scouts had a great weekend camping, competing, and cooking all their own food as usual.

Our younger Cub Scouts and older Scouts will be having a Halloween party right before the newsletter is published. Because of this we will have more information and pictures of their party in the next newsletter.

Upcoming activities for our Scouts will include, Scouting for Food, Veterans Day parade (with the Post), Veterans Day flag placements and ceremony (with the Post), Manassas Park light parade, and the Wreaths Across America wreath placement. They also have more camping trips planned and other service projects in the works.

More to come next month.

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



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named “Don’t Ask Don’t Tell,” or (DADT). We still served with the risk of being thrown out of the military if anyone found out about us. Meanwhile, we got to hear all of our heterosexual comrades talk all day long about who they were dating and married to.

Since the majority of my career was served during DADT, let me tell you what life was like for me. Plenty of people knew about me. Some just made assumptions. As I got further into my career, I started to no longer care what people thought about me. I did my job and kept my head down, but I also started just telling people. About halfway through my career I even told my entire division on my ship about who I was. The only person who complained was my Leading Chief Petty Officer, because I had just put them all in a bad position. But no one turned me in. My work ethic and reputation are what kept me safe for the rest of my career.

I met Evelyn in 2003. She was a civilian who has stood by me for almost 19 years now. The first 7 years of our relationship were my last 7 in the Navy. But we couldn’t get married. So, I was paid as a single sailor the entire time. We had to buy a home because we couldn’t live in Navy housing. She didn’t have access to the base, the Exchange, the Commissary, or health care. She had to put herself back into the closet to keep me protected. She worried when I was gone on deployment because if anything happened, she would have had no rights.

We made it through my career, and I retired in 2010. Even at my retirement ceremony, I couldn’t acknowledge her as my partner. A friend secretly printed out a spouse appreciation letter and presented it to her at our wedding 4 hours after I retired. (Oh, that wedding wasn’t legal yet, either.)

DADT wasn’t repealed until a year after I retired. It is a relief to me that our gay, lesbian, and trans comrades no longer have to hide who they are. That they can be married and finally be treated equally in pay and benefits.

You as a veteran, whether you know it or not, know other vets who are gay or lesbian. We have been around forever. You may have protected someone. You may have turned someone in. You may know someone who died by suicide because they couldn’t handle the pain of bullying or the policies. I ask you to take some time to think about them often.

For some of us, the guilt or shame we were forced to feel while hiding still affects us. While I have no problem talking about my wife in normal conversation, it still feels weird to discuss other LGBTQ+ issues with my comrades from both the VFW and the Legion. That being said, I have always felt at home at Post 7589, and I appreciate you all.

## State Commander



Geoff Lyster

This week, we had great week across the VFW, as follows:

**-COLA Increase for Veterans and Survivors:** The President signed VFW-supported H.R. 7846, Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022 into law. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same COLA as Social Security benefits. The announced increase is to be 8.7 percent (higher than in recent years) to account for inflation. The adjustment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022.

### **-22-23 Oct. Southern Gun & Knife (SGK) Show-**

**Fredericksburg:** This weekend we are up in Fredericksburg manning the VFW Recruiting Booth; disseminating information to veterans and conducting recruiting. This is only the first SGK-Fredericksburg Show of the season. We’re glad they’re back in “action.”

**-27-30 Oct Southern Conference (Asheville, NC):** On Thursday, the Virginia delegation will be venturing down to Asheville, NC for *Southern Conference 2022*. The VFW Southern Conference consists of 14 states from Virginia to Florida to Texas. We will take care of some SoCon business, conduct elections and do our best to represent the Department of Virginia with dignity and vigor.

**-5 Nov. Rally Point 2022:** This week, the Dept. of Virginia VFW was cordially invited to Rally Point 2022. Join your VFW comrades as we spend a day with Robert J. O'Neill (the Navy SEAL who killed Bin Laden) country rocker Tim Montana and Navy Veteran & Rock and Roll patriot Dave Bray USA for Armed Forces Brewing Company's Rally Point 2022: a day to celebrate America's troops and Veterans with music, beer, food, and lots of tanks! Use the link below and discount code **VFW22** to receive your tickets for free (regularly \$30).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/armed-forces-brewing-companys-rally-point-beer-festival-november-5-2022-tickets-422674409537>

**-11 Nov. Veterans Day:** Now is the time to set up your Post/District Poppy Drive at your favorite local venue. FYI, at my home Post we conduct our semi-annual Poppy Drive at three sites (Walmart, Giant, Safeway) over three days. Set up your local Poppy Drive and let’s plan to get out there and distribute poppies, collect some donations for veterans and recruit some new members!

### **-12-15 Jan. 2023 Winter Council of Administration**

**(COA):** This week we received word that National VFW Senior Vice Commander-In-Chief, Duane Sarmiento, will be attending our Winter COA as the official National Rep! With so many requests for the Chief and SVC, Virginia is lucky and honored to

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vide children, youths, families of veterans, active-duty military, and members of the VFW and its Auxiliary opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community. By doing so, it serves as a living memorial to all veterans. Congratulation to Debbie Baxter for becoming the newest life member to the National Home.

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

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



## Please be advised — Hate Mail

An individual identifying himself by the name of Patrick Roth is sending targeted messages containing inciteful language to leadership at VFW Departments, Posts and potentially, Districts. Please do not engage in any correspondence with Roth. Simply delete his message(s) and block him from further communication.

Contact: VFW Communications and Public Affairs Director  
Randi K. Law, [RLaw@vfw.org](mailto:RLaw@vfw.org).

## Free Tickets to Rally Point 2022 Beer Festival on Nov. 5 for VFW and Auxiliary!

Calling all Veterans and patriotic beer lovers! Join Robert J. O'Neill, the Navy SEAL who killed Bin Laden, Country Rocker Tim Montana and Navy Veteran & Rock and Roll Patriot Dave Bray USA for Armed Forces Brewing Company's Rally Point 2022: a day to celebrate America's troops and Veterans with music, beer, food, and lots of tanks!

On November 5, 2022, you can drink great American beer with the brewery's team of former SEALs and Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Veterans surrounded by military tanks and armored vehicles in Nokesville, Virginia, just outside of Washington DC. Get your tickets to enjoy the show, meet the team, drink the beer, and enjoy music, food, and more! Use the link below and discount code **VFW22** to receive your tickets for free (regularly \$30).

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/armed-forces-brewing-companys-rally-point-beer-festival-november-5-2022-tickets-422674409537>

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have the SVC come to our gathering and meet with our members.

**-Banquet News:** In the upcoming General Orders you will see registration information for the annual Youth Educator Awards Banquet (Jan. 14). The menu will include Caesar salad, Italian chicken parmigiana, savory shrimp scampi over pasta and tasty side dishes and dessert; all in a lavish buffet setting. We have had to raise the price "slightly" to \$50 per person. Please come out and support our VFW Programs and their awardees. *Book your rooms now for the Winter COA at the beautiful Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterside Hotel. Rooms are only \$97 per night; call 888-839-1775; mention "VFW Winter Council Meeting" to get the special rate. Don't forget to RSVP for the free Homecoming, to be held on Friday night (Jan. 13).*

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Geoffrey D. Lyster  
Commander  
Department of Virginia  
Email: [cdr@vfwva.org](mailto:cdr@vfwva.org)  
(C) 703-725-7862

## National Legislative Service Update

The President signed VFW-supported H.R. 7846, *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2022* into law. Certain VA benefits including disability compensation, clothing allowances, and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors will receive the same cost-of-living adjustment as Social Security benefits. The announced increase is to be 8.7 percent, which is higher than in recent years to account for inflation. The adjustment will go into effect on Dec. 1, 2022, and the first checks to reflect the new rate will be on Dec. 31, 2022.

TRICARE has announced that on Oct. 24, 2022, thousands of community pharmacies will leave the network. Express Scripts is the TRICARE pharmacy contractor with oversight of home delivery, military pharmacy, and civilian contract facilities. Walmart and Sam's Club pharmacies are among those impacted by this change. It is recommended that you contact your pharmacy to see if it will remain in network or find a [participating pharmacy](#) near you.

The VFW currently [supports 176 bills; and opposes one bill](#) pending before the 117th Congress.

Contact: VFW National Legislative Service Director Patrick Murray, [PMurray@vfw.org](mailto:PMurray@vfw.org).

## Manassas Fall Jubilee — October 8

The Post participated in the Manassas Fall Jubilee after a two year hiatus due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. Although recruiting was a bust we were able to promote safety for children Trick-or-Treating on Halloween. In previous years we distributed over 1500 Trick or Treat bags and this year was no exception. The weather was clear but rather windy but that didn't stop thousands of people from attending. In addition to the Trick-or-Treat bags we were able to promote the youth scholarship programs for both the VFW and Auxiliary. We were fortunate to have a prime location on Center Street just in front of the Freedom Museum who occupied a table next to us. Partnering with them provided increased opportunity to meet and greet the public. Thanks to Mary Corkhill, Rod Burr, Lou Filippone, Pete MacLeod, Wayne Moore, Rick Raskin, Kelly Williams and Marshal Williams for staffing the booth.



Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill prepared glow stick bracelets to hand out to children for Trick-or-Treat safety



Rod Burr, Pete MacLeod and Kelly Williams get ready for the crowds



Kelly Williams distributed Trick-or-Treat bags with a safety message



We distributed over 1500 safety bags and hundreds of glow stick bracelets

## Haymarket Walmart celebrates store remodeling — donates \$500 to Post

On October 21 Haymarket Walmart celebrated their store remodeling with a celebration hosted by store management. Beginning with a presentation of the colors and National Anthem by the Battlefield High School JROTC team the event was followed by speeches by the manger and assistant manager. Donations were made to Battlefield JROTC, a local church food bank and VFW Post 7589.

Our Post will be distributing Buddy Poppies there on November 5th and 6th from 10 AM to 5 PM. As always help is needed, so if you can attend it will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Lou Filippone or Rick Raskin if you can help.



RICK RASKIN



RICK RASKIN



RICK RASKIN



PHOTO BY WALMART ASSOCIATE



PHOTO BY THE BATTLEFIELD JROTC COMMANDER



## VFW Magazine and Camp Lejeune Ads A New Way to do Carjacking

*We are asking that veterans who were exposed use or exhaust their VA benefits first before using a private firm such as those advertising*

Commanders and Comrades,

The last issue of the VFW Magazine featured several ads from law firms advertising their services related to exposure to Camp Lejeune contaminated water. In all we had seven (7) law firms with more asking for to advertise in our magazine and pay full price. I made the decision to allow a limited number of these ads for the following reasons:

- **Not every person affected is a veteran;**
- **There will be veterans who were affected and cannot receive more in VA disability compensation as they are already maxed out;**
- **We have family members of veterans who cannot file a claim through the VA;**
- **We also have families of veterans that have passed away that could benefit from one of these firms as they may not have a claim though the VA.**

We are asking that veterans who were exposed use or exhaust their VA benefits first before using a private firm such as those advertising. This is a link to the attached that is located on our website <https://vfworg-cdn.azureedge.net/-/media/VFWSite/Files/Advocacy/Camp-Lejeune-PACT-Act.pdf?la=en&v=1&d=20220808T234733Z> asking veterans to use their VA benefits first.

You will continue to see these ads in future issues of the VFW Magazine. Please direct veterans to the link so they know to use their VA benefits first.

I realize there are some within our ranks who are concerned we are sending a mixed message. This could be further from the truth as we have an obligation to serve the families of our veterans and many of those families cannot file a claim through the VA as they did not serve in uniform even though they made great sacrifices in supporting their veteran.

Should you or your members still have concerns please have them contact me at [dwest@vfw.org](mailto:dwest@vfw.org).

**Dan West**  
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WARNING FROM POLICE:

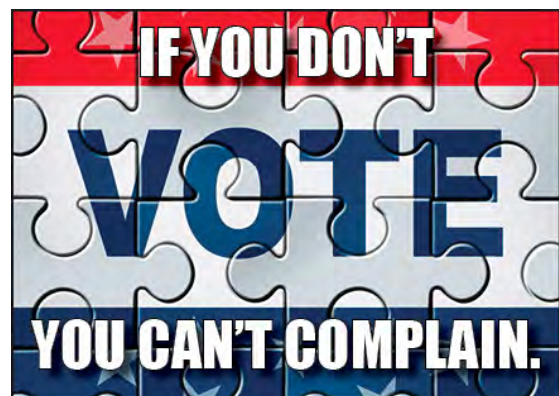
THIS APPLIES TO BOTH WOMEN AND MEN. BEWARE OF A PIECE OF PAPER ON THE BACK WINDOW OF YOUR VEHICLE.

Heads up everyone! You walk across the parking lot, unlock your car and get inside. You start the engine and shift into reverse. When you look into the rear view mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into Park, unlock your doors, and jump out of your car to remove that paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car, that is when the carjacker appears out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off. They practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

And guess what, ladies? I bet your purse is still in the car! So now the carjacker has your car, your home address, your money, and your keys. Your home and your whole identity are now compromised!

BEWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED. If you see a piece of paper stuck to your back window, just drive away. Remove the paper later! And be thankful that you read this e-mail. I hope you will forward this to friends and family, especially to women. A purse contains all kinds of personal information and identification documents, and you certainly do NOT want it to fall into the wrong hands. Please keep this going and tell all your family!

# Election day November 8





**Saturday—November 5th**  
 The Post will be open for breakfast for parade participants starting at 7:00 AM

**SIGN UP TO JOIN  
 VFW ACTION CORPS**

RECEIVE OUR WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER  
 AND ACTION ALERTS

Use camera mode to scan code



or  
 Text "VFW" to 50457

or  
 Visit [vfw.org/JoinActionCorps](http://vfw.org/JoinActionCorps)

**Post 7589 Service Officer**

**Monti Zimmerman**

**703-223-2211**



Confidential chat at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net)  
 or text to **838255**

**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:

Annual Payouts:

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

**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

**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)**
- Pull Tabs & Hard Cards**
- \$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

November 5	Buddy Poppy Drive — Haymarket Walmart — 10:00—6:00 PM Northern Virginia Veterans Parade — 11:00 AM (Post open for breakfast at 7:00 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 3103 — Fredericksburg — 1:00 PM
November 30	Deadline for Wreaths Across America orders
December 4	Youth Awards Ceremony — 4:00 PM
December 5	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
December 12	Auxiliary Christmas Party — 1:00 PM (Olive Garden) <b>No monthly meeting</b>
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 — The Post will provide the meats —Bring a dish to share)

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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 (WAA) to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. **Deadline Date is November 30, 2022.**

**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.

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?**

For more information visit [www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org](http://www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org), or call 877-385-9504.  
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Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please make checks payable to:**  
**Wreaths Across America**  
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**Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.**  
*Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!*

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Individual</b> = 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
<b>Mailed "In Honor" card</b> = If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
<b>Family</b> = 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
<b>Small Business</b> = 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
<b>Corporate</b> = 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		<b>Grand Total</b>	

**\*GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM\***

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note, ALL sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.*

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