

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
November 2023



RICK RASKIN

On October 7 a huge bonfire followed dinner and dancing at the State Commander's and State Auxiliary President's homecoming at Hillsville Post 1115.

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Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Veterans Day Thoughts

Congratulations to all present and future veterans, "BZ." Hundreds of thousands of active-duty service members and veterans await Honor, Recognition, and Gratitude from communities grateful for their military service. Vietnam had the draft, but today most servicemembers are volunteers. However, we now face vitriol and dispersions by draft dodgers and the willfully ignorant which beg to question their

"Patriotism or Parasitism." Although bittersweet, I will be among those who take part in a parade or other event. I heartily welcome and appreciate the "Thank you for your service" in contrast, to being spat upon or stoned in the 1960s while I performed the duties of laying fallen heroes to rest. We should contemplate our sworn allegiance to the Constitution and the times our lives hung in the balance on battlefields in distant lands of a people we neither knew nor lived among. The ideal/legacy we hope would endure and improve over time now seems more fragile than in 1776 when the enemy was identifiable!

Words matter; they can uplift, demean, or manipulate. I take a special exception to those words that are directed to/at service men and women who served in military conflicts and were injured, killed, prisoners of war, or missing in action. When did it become acceptable to disrespect/berate our veterans, threaten, or relegate wounded warriors to the discard heap like mannequins? Who would be enthralled with the moniker of a loser or sucker for their military service? When is recognition necessary for the courage to do what is right?

Having been a career veteran, I remain interested and concerned with all things military. Our enlistment numbers have been on a decline and woefully low at present. Politics aside, it is difficult to realize that the public at large lacks a basic understanding of the need for strong national security. Without education, the youths of today will continue to be apathetic in defending our way of life often taken for granted.

I grew up in the fifties without the benefit of television and the Cold War was in full swing. However, I do remember going to matinees and watching the news or movies offering spy vs spy espionage scenarios. Occasionally, I read about an American spy being caught, killed, or held hostage. During my time in the service, it was understood that the consequences of improper handling, or misuse of classified material/information were the cause for immediate dismissal and penalty. The implications are far-reaching and lasting; the results will be lives lost and high financial costs to mitigate damages from dispensed information.

I am a pragmatist and while I know not what tomorrow brings, my tomorrows are numbered. When I stand at any veterans' memorial, I regard everyone being honored as a hero. They did not know me, but their actions benefited the country, which includes me. I sometimes wonder if they realized that their efforts or sacrifices would improve the lives of all the people despite their per-

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Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday observed annually on November 11th. It commemorates the service of all military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. Events for that day include placing a wreath at the Manassas Veterans Memorial at 8:30 AM. At the Manassas Cemetery, a 9 AM ceremony for a wreath to be placed at the Francis Cannon grave site. After that ceremony, flags will be placed at all veterans' graves in the cemetery.

Thanksgiving Day, a national holiday, is celebrated every fourth Thursday in November. Americans generally believe that Thanksgiving is modeled on a 1621 harvest feast shared by the English colonists (Pilgrims) and the Wampanoag people. This year it falls on November 23rd.

The Auxiliary members wish all the participants the best of luck in the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year competition. The awards ceremony will be at the Post on December 3rd at 4:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided by the Auxiliary.

On Saturday, November 4th, the Post and Auxiliary will be serving breakfast to the veterans starting at 7:00 AM. The Manassas Veterans Day parade will start at 11:00 AM. Please come out and support our veterans.

The November 18th District 8 meeting will be at Southern Fauquier Post 7728 starting at 10:00 AM. There is a **time adjustment** for the February 3, 2024 District 8 meeting at Great Mane Brewery (6620 James Madison Hwy, Haymarket, VA 20169). The start for both the VFW and Auxiliary meetings will be at 9:00 AM and the Youth Scholarship and Teacher presentations will be at 10 AM.

The deadline for the Auxiliary fundraiser with Wreaths Across America (WAA) is fast approaching and we are requesting your participation by the deadline of November 30, 2023. To pay for your sponsorship of \$17.00 with a credit card, please visit [https:// www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/](https://www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/) and please remember to include our Sponsoring **Group ID No. VA0040P** and **Cemetery ID No. VAQNCT**. The Wreaths Across America Day is scheduled for December 16, 2023 at Quantico National Cemetery.

December 11th will be the Auxiliary annual Christmas Party. Please join us for our social event at Logan's Roadhouse Restaurant starting at 1:00 PM. There will **NOT** be a meeting. Another event will be the Post Holiday Party scheduled for December 16th from 3-6 PM. This event will be catered and to get an accurate number of individuals attending, the Post is requesting reservations. [See Page 8]

I would like to express my appreciation to you for being a member of this Auxiliary. Without you, we would not be able to assist our veterans and their families. That is why I'm requesting

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since 1946**

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sonal feelings? Today when I look at or play with my grandchildren, I hope that my service contributed to improving the country enough that their lives will be better than the one I have lived.

I am perplexed by the predicament of our “state of affairs.” Common sense no longer seems common as senselessness is embraced with pride. Sadly, the most outspoken critics are those who use foible excuses yet enjoy the benefits of those they ridicule. When confronted with the reality and ugliness of war, it is too gruesome or grotesque for close observation. Others are spineless cowards failing to do what is right in fear of loss of power, money, or death threats. They shamelessly find fortitude and solace, as the less fortunate suffer from their inept and self-righteous behaviors.

Let us display the leadership, objectivity, and reason that got us to this stage of life, rather than relish in photo opportunity or emote insincerity on a designated day. But remember why we gave our all in pursuit of a better country, with the knowledge that more work would be done at home. Again, my special thanks to each of you for your service, I am a grateful recipient.

“Be ashamed to die until you have some victory for humanity.”
Neil deGrasse Tyson

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the annual members to please pay their dues. You can pay through MALTA or send your \$20 to the Auxiliary Treasurer, Elanor Doczi, 7415 Roxbury Ave., Manassas, VA 20109. Again, thank you for your membership.

Congratulations to Ms. Kathleen Drummond, Ms. Patsy Gough and Ms. Debra Bottomley for becoming Life members to the VFW National Home. To be part of the VFW National Home history, please purchase a \$100 personalized brick and/or a \$50 life membership along with your applications to the VFW National Home, 3573 S. Waverly Rd, Eaton Rapids, MI 43327. Thank you in advance.

Prayers are requested for individuals and/or family members who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their Heavenly home. May God Bless You!

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President





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Post 7589 celebrated Marine Veteran Josephine Drummond’s 100th birthday as she received the Living Legend Award from LTC, USA (Ret.) Senior Advisor Marilla Cushman of the Military Women’s Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery.

MOAA recognizes Comrade Monti Zimmerman for his legislative efforts

Adapted from the Military Officer Association of America October 2023 magazine, page 65. Recognition for Legislative Efforts

Each year, MOAA presents the Col. Steve Strowbridge Legislative Award to council and chapter legislative advocates who demonstrate superior service in support of legislation that affects the military community.

This year’s recipient has been instrumental in numerous grassroots advocacy successes. The Council award winner is: Col. Monti Zimmerman, USA (Ret), third vice president and legislative affairs chair for the Virginia Council of Chapters.



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October 25: Lt Gen Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret) presented Col Monti G. Zimmerman, USA (Ret) the Colonel Steve Strowbridge Legislative Award.

Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes this newsletter finds everyone well and active. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 19 October at the Post. Those in attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Erika Laos, Lamar Baker, Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and myself. Comrade Peter MacLeod participated by teleconference.

By the time this newsletter goes to print we will have reached the 31 October deadline for our Youth contests. As we speak, we are in the process of collecting the completed applications from the local area schools. Once the applications are tallied and logged in, they must be judged. If you can give us a hand with the judging it would be greatly appreciated. The following dates have been announced for the Post judging:

Thursday, 2 November at the Post at 6:00 PM
 Thursday, 9 November at the Post at 6:00 PM
 Friday, 10 November at the Post at 6:00 PM

Please sign up and lend us a hand. You will be instrumental in selecting our winners and will get to know the kids. They are so appreciative we conduct these essay contests and, if they win, receive scholarships and can advance to District or even Department. I don't know if you recall John McGrath, our Post Voice of Democracy winner last year. He won at Department and advanced to the National competition. This shows, you never know how far someone will go.

District Judging will be held Saturday, 18 November in Morrisville after the District 8 meeting. It is the most efficient way to hold District judging since most of us are there for the meeting anyway and since all contest applications will be collected at the District meeting.

The Scouts were quite busy this month with the Post landscaping, shed repair and repaint project. I know they had a few bumps and hiccups along the way, but everything should almost be completed. Just as with the sign, the shed repair should buy us some time until we replace it. I know we got permission to paint the shed off white to match the Post Hall. Tina and Alex Bliem, along with the Scouts, should be commended for all their hard work. Everything is so much better than before.

The Fall Jubilee was a tremendous success and was held in front of the Freedom Museum on Center Street. Over 800 Halloween bags were distributed to local area children during the event along with prizes and toys. The weather cooperated

and everyone I spoke to said it was a wonderful event.

The last order of business to discuss is the 2023 Educational Awards Night to be held at the Post on Sunday, 3 December at 4:00 PM. Our award winners, to include our teachers and family/friends, are invited to help celebrate the winners' accomplishments. We usually have a guest speaker but as of now, no one has stepped up to give the keynote speech. If you have any interest in speaking at the ceremony please contact me as soon as possible. After the ceremony pictures are taken and refreshments are served by the Post Auxiliary. We hope to have a good turnout to support and celebrate our winners.

Let me not forget to mention our annual Veterans Day Week activities. Our Scouts from Troop and Pack 1372 will be participating in the memorial activities on Veterans Day as we do every year. They will assist in placing wreaths at both the Veteran's Memorial in Old Town Manassas and at the grave site of Francis P. Cannon, our namesake. This is scheduled for 8:30 AM. At 9:30 AM 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, participate in the ceremonies as well. Please join them on this most solemn day and pay our respects to our fallen comrades.

Our next Youth Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 16 November 2023 at 7:00 PM. Please attend if you can and participate with us. The people and the activities are terrific.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone
 Youth Committee Chair

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

Our scouts had a pretty good and busy October with a wide array of activities.

Our younger Cub Scouts went on a Fall camp out. They had an extremely good turnout with families. The weekend they went out got pretty cold at night so they got to have some fun sleeping and waking in the cooler weather. Over the weekend they had some family and scout activities planned and everyone had a great

time. As I am writing this they are having a blast at their monthly Pack meeting and Halloween party

With election day right around the corner our Troops and Crew got to hold their own elections. They chose their scout leadership for the next six months. This involved speeches and voting and the new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Crew President each got to choose their Assistant SPL and Vice President to help them lead over the next six months; our youth implementing and practicing our democratic process in their own way.

Our crew went on a haunted Halloween trail as a group to have some fun and get scared. All of our older scouts had their Court of Honor this past week. Here a lot of earned awards were passed out, a lot of earned ranks were presented and the scouts followed this up with a Halloween party.

Our crew has been having multiple fundraisers to try to help with the cost of their High Adventure trip to Sea Base next summer. They planned and successfully implemented a pancake breakfast at our post. They sold chrysanthemums and pansies for the fall weather, as well as various Fall decor. They are hoping to have another pancake breakfast and gift wrapping fundraiser at our post again in December before Christmas. Keep an eye out for more information on this.

Our scouts and leaders also performed a service project for our post. They beautified the front of the building and will be painting the shed. In the front they dug up some grass



ALEX BLIEM

and ivy and mulched the front of the building. They also placed a brick border around the mulch. They put a border and mulch around our post sign and planted chrysanthemums under it. They also cleaned out and placed new edging and new rocks around our ground lights. They also cleaned out and straightened the gutters, cut some branches off the tree that were resting on the roof. They are discussing ways to get the grass growing again and will plant some native slow growing plants in the mulch when spring comes around.

In November our scouts are preparing for the Nationwide Scouting for Food drive. This service project aims to fill the local food banks before the holidays. No matter where you live if you get a sticker on your door please donate and help our scouts.

The scouts and adults are also preparing to participate with our post in various Veterans Day activities. They will march in the Veterans Day parade, participate in the Veterans Day ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial followed by placing a flag at each veterans grave site at the Manassas Cemetery.

Be safe,

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

Manassas Fall Jubilee a success despite rainy start

Over 800 Halloween Trick or Treat safety bags distributed to local youth and 3 veterans joined our post



RICK RASKIN

Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill prepares Trick or Treat safety bags.



MARY CORKHILL

Each bag contained an assortment of items provided by the Auxiliary.



RICK RASKIN

The crowd increased after the rain stopped and became quite dense. We ran out of Trick or Treat bags.



RICK RASKIN

Rod Burr and Kelly Williams handed out Trick or Treat bags.



RICK RASKIN

Commander Wayne Moore worked the booth as a baggiper entertained. Our location in front of the Freedom Museum was ideal.



RICK RASKIN



CAROL CAMPBELL

One way to handle the rain.



CAROL CAMPBELL

Working the soon to be crowd.



CAROL CAMPBELL

Our resident baggiper.

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Alternatively

Call 703-361-5554 and leave a message.
(Your name and how many are attending)

VA offers tax free tire purchase

By Monti Zimmerman

I was able to take advantage of the Department of Veterans Affairs Vehicle Tire buying program that allows tires to be purchased from a baseline cost, tax-free through the VA.

Veterans Canteen Service (VCS) was established by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in 1946 under the statutory provisions of Title 38 U.S.C. VCS was created to provide articles of merchandise and services at reasonable prices to Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare, their families, VA employees and caretakers.

You will need to state what VA Medical Center you use, confirm that you are a veteran, and pay on-line or by phone.

To use the program, contact the local dealer, Firestone at 11015 Nokesville Road, Manassas, VA 20110, phone number (571) 393-6382 and pick the tire you want to purchase.

You will need the six-digit Article Number and ensure that the tires you want are in stock. Then provide the Article number to the VA Canteen Service Tire Program at (800) 664-8258.

You will purchase the tires at a price (mine was slightly less than the Firestone price), pay for the tires (tax free), then the VA will fax the voucher for the tires to the Firestone dealer.

The local dealer also gave me a 10% discount to mount the tires.

Visit: <https://shopvcs.va.gov/tires> for further information.

From the VFW COA (Legal)

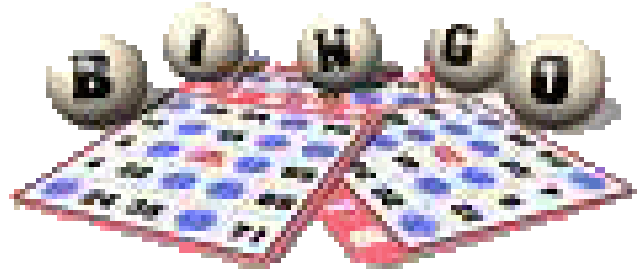
[In October] VFW sent a letter to the Department of Defense and Solicitor General in support of the Supreme Court denying certiorari in the case *Atchley v. AstraZeneca UK Ltd.*

That case was filed under the Anti-Terrorism Act, which imposes civil liability on companies that knowingly finance terrorist attacks.

The plaintiffs, Gold Star families and veterans who were killed or injured by a Shiite terrorist group in Iraq, allege certain pharmaceutical companies, including AstraZeneca, provided funding to terrorist groups in exchange for the award of contracts.

Denying cert would allow Gold Star families and wounded veterans to finally begin discovery in their lawsuit. This case has been tied up in court for the past six years. Consequently, the victims haven't even had a chance to prove their claims yet. Such a delay is unconscionable for our veterans, and denying cert would allow the case to be remanded back to the District Court where it can proceed.

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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:

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

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

Upcoming Events

November 4	The 15th Annual Northern Virginia Veterans Parade — Old Town Manassas Breakfast for veterans — 7 AM at the post Post's Buddy Poppy drive — Haymarket Walmart — 10 AM
November 6	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
November 11	Manassas Veterans Memorial 8:30 AM & replace flags at Manassas Cemetery 9:00 AM
November 13	Auxiliary meeting — 2:00 PM
November 16	Youth Committee meeting — 7:00 PM
November 18	District 8 Meeting — Post 7728, Morrisville — 12:00 Noon
November 30	Sponsorship deadline for Wreaths Across America
December 3	Youth awards ceremony — 4:00 PM
December 4	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
December 11	Auxiliary Christmas Party — Logan's Roadhouse— 1 PM
December 16	Wreaths Across America at Quantico National Cemetery Post Holiday Party — 3-6 PM

Buddy Poppies get a new form

Starting this month National will be filling orders for the new metal Buddy Poppy emblem. The VFW tab can be folded under and it can be worn as lapel emblem.

The cost for traditional buddy poppies, which may still be ordered, increased by 250% to \$160/500. The new emblems are \$70/500 and will be used by our post when we exhaust our existing supply of traditional buddy poppies.



2023-24 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
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Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Ron Knowles
1 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
2 Year Trustee	Chris Morgan
3 Year Trustee	Lamar Baker
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Monti Zimmerman
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Surgeon	Alex Bliem

2023-24 Auxiliary Officers

President	Mary Corkhill
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Junior Vice President	Cindy McIntyre
Secretary	Ann Mitchell
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Trustee 2	Yvonne Sullivan
Trustee 3	Jan Germain
Historians	Jan Germain
	Patsy Gough
Patriotic Instructor	Yvonne Sullivan
	Lorrie 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.

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Ben Cline	6th District	202-225-5431
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Jennifer Wexton	10th District	202-225-5136
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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 (WAA) to help place more wreaths than ever before on Veterans' graves at **Quantico National Cemetery**. **Deadline Date is November 30, 2023.**

Sponsorships are \$17 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 16, 2023 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, or call 877-385-9504.
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Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual = 1 Wreath	\$17.00		
2 Wreaths	\$34.00		
Family - 5 Wreaths	\$85.00		
10 Wreaths	\$170.00		
		Grand Total	

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In Honor of:

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

Email address: _____
 Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

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

Branch of Service: _____
 Rank: _____
 State: _____

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

Location ID: VAQNCT Fundraising Group ID: VA0040P

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