

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
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SVC Pete MacLeod speaks to 4th grade students at Haydon Elementary on November 10. The highlight was the screening of original film from 1971 that Pete shot in Vietnam.

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Auxiliary President's Report



The Ladies Auxiliary started their annual Veterans Day weekend with a Buddy Poppy drive on Saturday, November 8th. I wish to thank Yvonne Sullivan, Patsy Gough and Janet Raskin for a job well done. As you know, the donations we collect from this drive assist Veterans and their families. On November 11th, Veterans Day, Ladies Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill and Commander Ron Link started with a Wreath laying ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial. Two members of Cub Scout Pack 1355 assisted President Mary in laying the wreath. After that ceremony, everyone traveled to the Manassas Cemetery to place a Wreath at Francis Cannon's grave site and the graves of the other seventy Veterans buried there. A special "Thank you" to the Cub Scouts. I hope to see them again for our Memorial Day Ceremony in May 2015.

It has been several years since the Ladies Auxiliary held an 8th District meeting during the holidays, and I'm very pleased for the members from 7589 who attended on Saturday, November 22nd at the Southern Fauquier Post 7728. Thanks to the Post Commander Russ Claar for his support.

We will hold our second annual December meeting at Ruby Tuesday on Liberia Ave. on Monday, December 1st at 6:00pm. This is the time to spend with good friends and our family of sisters. There will be a gift exchange so please bring a gift not valued over \$10. A very short meeting will follow the dinner. I hope to see you there.

The next event is the holiday dinner for our Adopt-A-Unit - B Company, 1/116th on Saturday, December 6th around 12 (noon). The Ladies will be meeting and greeting the soldiers

and their families. I also hope to see you there.

The annual awards ceremony for the VOD/Patriots Pen/Outstanding Teacher starts at 4:00pm on Sunday, December 7th at the Post. Immediately following, we will prepare gift bags for distribution to Veterans at Birmingham Green. Distribution will be Thursday, December 11th at 2:00pm. Please come and join in the fun.

One of our annual fundraisers was Wreaths Across America. A ceremony at Quantico Cemetery will start at noon on Saturday, December 13th after which we will participate in laying wreaths. The biggest joy is seeing the cemetery after the wreaths have been placed.

Upcoming events for the next two months are:

- Dec 1 Auxiliary Meeting - 6:00pm at Ruby Tuesdays on Liberia Ave.**
- Dec 6 Christmas dinner for Adopt-A-Unit B Company, 1/116th (VFW & Auxiliary) 12 noon**
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Day**
- Dec 7 VOD/Patriots Pen/Teacher Awards/ Refreshments - 4:00pm**
- Dec 11 Assisted Living (Gifts for Veterans) 2:00pm**
- Dec 13 Wreaths-Across-America - Quantico Cemetery - 12 Noon**
- Dec 19 Youth Committee Mtg - 7pm**
- 2015**
- Jan 5 Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm**
- Jan 9-11 Winter conference - Williamsburg, VA**
- Jan 15 Day on the Hill**
- Jan 15 Youth Committee Mtg. 7pm - Post**
- Feb 2 Post/Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm**
- Feb 19 Youth Committee Mtg. - 7pm - Post**
- Feb 22 District 8 Meeting - Fredericksburg, VA (3103) 1:00pm**

I have stated in past news articles about the National Home for Children. This community has 42-family homes including a chapel, community center, guest lodge, child care center, playgrounds and recreational facilities. This

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Service Officer's Report

One of the greatest opportunities we have is to provide direct support to the wide variety of veterans whom we represent.

Philip Langehough is an established author, a retired US Government Administrator from the Office of Management and Budget and a World War II Veteran. Recently we were advised that he is in need of direct assistance in several areas.

One of these areas is to assist him with filing for VA care programs. He, as well as other veterans, may be eligible for compensation, a VA pension and VA aid & attendance.

All of these VA programs provide eligible veterans various levels of assistance as their needs dictate. Another area of assistance he had was a specific need for a wheelchair to allow him further freedom of movement. VFW 7589 stepped up and provided him with this wheelchair to assist him and his family in their home care of Philip.

Our Service Office Programs exist to help and serve our veterans here in the Manassas/ Prince William area. If you know of a veteran in need please contact us.

Our Veterans Service Officer Team works hard for you to bring all resources that we can to assist our Post and all veterans we can. We would like to add to our team if you would like to join us. Please feel free to reach out and let us know if you would like to become a Service Officer. We need your help. We will provide free training and you get to meet lots of interesting people from all walks of life.

It is a great job where you get to work with and help veterans from the Prince William County region with their VA claims, housing, vocational rehab and benefits. Please think about it!

Feel free to contact our Service Officer Team at any time for questions, suggestions or other needs you may have at: so7589@verizon.net or call us at 1-703-659-0849 or just pull one of us aside.

Our number one goal is providing the best service to our veterans and their families.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of our Veteran Service Officers and find out just what they can do for you! They are:

Steven Botello 1-703-659-0849
Email: so7589@verizon.net

Stephen Meade 1-703-408-0875
Email: SO2-7589@hotmail.com

Our goal is simple here. We want to take care of all our veterans with the greatest level of service that our resources will allow. Thank you for your service!

If you have any questions please feel free to reach us at our VSO phone line of: 1-703-659-0849 or Email: SO7589@verizon.net. Thank you.

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Steve Botello, Philip Langehough and his daughter Susan.

Youth News and Notes

Pete MacLeod—Youth Committee Chair

What a great Veterans Day week this year which included visiting several schools in the Manassas area. Commander Ron Link, Quartermaster Rick Raskin and myself were treated like royalty at Manassas Christian School on Friday, Nov. 7 as each grade came to the front of the auditorium and paid tribute to our great country! You always leave that school with a good feeling and much of the credit for that goes to Principal Linda Bare.

On Monday, Nov. 10, Quartermaster Raskin and myself were privileged to visit Haydon and Weems elementary schools in Manassas and show a 20 minute film on Vietnam as it was in 1971 (*See Note*). We spoke to about 200 fourth graders at each school and I have to say the questions were, for the most part, very intelligent. What impressed me the most was the behavior and attention of the young students as the film played.

Perhaps the biggest example of the good direction so many of our young people are headed in came on Veterans Day itself. Once again, Scouts helped us with the ceremony at the Veterans Memorial and placing flags on veteran's graves at Manassas Cemetery.

We hope you have marked your calendars for December 7 at 4:00 pm at the Post for our annual Youth Awards Ceremony put on by the Post 7589/Ladies Auxiliary Youth Committee. We will hear from two speakers:

Post 7589 Commander Ron Link, a combat veteran of Desert Storm and Manassas Deputy City Clerk Toni Elgart a former Voice of Democracy winner as a high school student. She also is a "magna cum laude" graduate of Northern Virginia Community College and has worked in law offices in Delaware, the District of Columbia and Virginia. She has legal experience in real estate, corporate, criminal, civil, domestic relations, personal injury, bankruptcy and international communications. Her daughter Carolyn was also a former Voice of Democracy winner.

On December 7 you will also have the pleasure of meeting our two VFW Teachers of the Year in the Manassas area: History and Debate Teacher Traci Vergara of Manassas Christian School and 7th grade Language Arts Teacher Trinette Drake of Parkside Middle School in Manassas. Ms. Drake has also won Teacher of the Year at the VFW District 8 level and will be competing for the state title in December. Ms. Drake was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force prior to beginning her teaching career!

(Note) We have completed editing the Vietnam footage and are compiling a DVD to show at future school visits. Scoring and sound effects are presently being completed. We will show the DVD at the January 2015 general membership meeting. — Ed

Department Surgeon's Report

Kenneth B. Wiseman, III

Past months have seen emails from me focusing on a single issue and I am prone to pick issues that you ask me about and ones the VA is highlighting because of my want to address your questions and issues faced by the Veterans population as a whole. This month is no different. As I travel, I meet Veterans of all ages who seem to be surprised that the VA may or may not provide certain support programs or types of care. Thus, I have hunted for one page on the VA website that (hopefully) will show as many programs as possible at one time. This link is: <http://explore.va.gov/>

Also, there is much in the air about the Veterans Choice Card as part of the recent legislation that was passed concerning wait times and distance travelled by Veterans to their doctors. There is a major difference between the new format of the standard ID card we get when we register at the VA and the Choice Card that SOME, NOT

ALL, Veterans will receive. The ID is something we all get but the Choice Card will only go to those living 40 miles from any VA facility (VAMC or CBOC) or those waiting for more than 30 days for an appointment. While the program is new and is being rolled out, this is the published brochure that the VA has for this topic: <http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/documents/Choice-Program-Fact-Sheet-Final.pdf>

As usual, please let me know how I can help you, your Post or your District in any way. No one is too far away and the state HQ is here to help as we can. Please pass this on to anyone on your email lists and feel free to use this email as a hand-out for those who don't use computers. Thank-you for what you do as Comrades, what you have done as Veterans and Happy Veterans Day to you and your family.

Veterans Day activities in Manassas — Photos of our Post and Auxiliary in action.



Rick Raskin, Ron Link and Pete MacLeod at Manassas Christian School.



Pete MacLeod speaks at Weems Elementary.



A scene from Pete MacLeod's Vietnam footage film shown to students during his talk.



Veterans appreciation assembly at Manassas Christian School.



Buddy Poppies at Centreville Giant. Robert Punihaole, Ron Link, Paul Chase and Eric Cruz.



Buddy Poppies at Woodbine Food Lion.



Auxiliary sisters Janet Raskin, Patsy Gough and Yvonne Sullivan at Wellington Giant.



Veterans Day ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial.



Ceremonies and flag placements at Manassas Cemetery. Our Post was assisted by Cub Scouts from Pack 1355.

Comrades Joel Chase and Jerry Martin speak to delegation from Peru *Present veteran's views on Vietnam memorials*

Joel Chase

At the request of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, comrade Jerry Martin and I traveled to the Mall on 11/04/14 to speak before a delegation from Peru regarding the Wall, the Three Soldiers Statue and the Women's Memorial. The Peruvian delegation's mission was to view our memorials and to hear first-hand what Vietnam veterans had to say about those structures. The people of Peru are in the planning stages of erecting a monument of their own, so it was a great opportunity for Jerry and me to talk about our memorials.

We first spoke about the Three Soldiers Statue, where it is placed in relation to the Wall and the controversy surrounding its very being. Maya Lin, the artist who designed the Wall was furious about the statue because she felt that it impinged on her structure and design and refused to attend its unveiling. Thus, Fredrick Hart, the artist who designed the statue, had it placed strategically so as not to infringe on the impact of the Wall. Jerry spoke about the vacant stares on the figures and their disbelieving faces and that there were so many names etched into the granite Wall. Also, that Frederick Hart was paid four times as much as Maya Lin.

We next moved on to the Women's Memorial which is placed further away from the Wall than The Three Soldiers Statue. It shows nurses attempting to treat the wounded with one nurse so distraught that she had to turn away from the carnage war creates. I have a special place in my heart for the doctors and nurses of our military because I would not be here today if it were not for their loving and professional care. If not for them the names on the Wall would be much greater than the

58,000 plus killed during the Vietnam War.

We then moved on to the Wall and talked about how the names on it merge together at the middle from the date of the first casualty to ending of the war. One of the controversies about Maya Lin's design was that it looked to some like a slab of granite rising from a pit in the ground with impersonal intent. Some Senators expressed complaints about her design and the Secretary of the Interior disliked it so much that he refused to issue a building permit..

One thing that strikes me about the Wall and the statues is the emotion they evoke in visitors - especially Vietnam veterans. While Senators and Congressmen, who never served in the military, stirred controversy about the structures, very few veterans of the war have complained about them. When we visit we go there to pay our respects to our fallen comrades, do rubbings of names and cry.

We ran out of time with the visitors and tried to leave them with several thoughts about the design, placement and expression of the monuments so that their visitors will understand and appreciate them.

Fortunately, thinking has changed for the better over the years. Attitudes have improved with dramatic results of increased trade and tourism. The American people now view and regard the Vietnam veteran as a hero who fought a war which, in a military sense nobody won. It was the American soldier who won the peace, paid the price and earned the respect of all freedom-loving people.

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VFW Post 7589/Ladies Auxiliary Youth and Teacher Awards 2014-2015

Patriot's Pen (Grades 6-8), essay on the theme:

“Why I Appreciate America’s Veterans.”

- First Place – Samantha Marie Ita, 7th Grade, Metz Middle School, Manassas, Va. **Samantha placed 1st in District competition and advances to State judging.**
- Second Place – Mary C. Krynitsky, 8th Grade, Seton School, Manassas, Va.
- Third Place – Sebastien Cotto, 7th Grade, Manassas Christian School, Manassas Park, Va.
- Honorable Mention – Zachary R. Tait, 7th Grade, Manassas Christian School, Manassas Park, Va.
- Honorable Mention – Aidan Thomas O’Malley, 7th Grade, Metz Middle School, Manassas, Va.

Voice of Democracy (Grades 9-12), audio-essay on the theme:

“Why Veterans are Important to our Nation’s History and Future.”

- First Place – Josephine Haneklau, 9th Grade, Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, Va.
- Second Place – Kimberly Y. Zhang, 10th Grade, Battlefield High School, Haymarket, Va.
- Third Place – Hannah Rosa, 11th Grade, Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, Va.
- Honorable Mention – Andrew C. Marchesseault, 12th Grade, Seton School, Manassas, Va.

VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award

Ms. Trinette Drake, 7th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Parkside Middle School, Manassas, Va. **Ms. Drake placed 1st in District competition and advances to State judging.**

Aluminum Tab Collection Program Update

Comrade Paul Chase

From as yet an unknown donor, 81,000 aluminum tabs were received at the Post on November 5th. The tabs were delivered to Pete Slusher at his home by the donor several days earlier. The previous one day donation was for 20,000.



L-R: Warren Ewell, Mary Corkhill and Pete Slusher

This brings our current total to 190,000 which represents approximately \$190 in proceeds to the Boston Burn Center via the Shriners of Boston. The Francis Cannon Post 7589 program

for aluminum tabs started in April 2014. At that time we established a goal of 125,000 by the end of 2014. We should all be proud of what we have accomplished to date and look forward to greater success in 2015.

Congress Approves New VFW Charter

VFW Action Corps Weekly, November 21, 2014

VFW National Commander John Stroud is thanking the 113th Congress for their unanimous support this week to approve a change to the VFW’s congressional charter that was signed 78 years ago by President Franklin D. Roosevelt when the military was comprised almost entirely of men. Prompted by VFW Resolution 301 that was passed in July by delegates attending the 115th VFW National Convention in St. Louis, the charter update consists of two wording changes — replacing men with veterans, and widows with surviving spouses — and was supported by two companion bills introduced by Senate VA Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and House VA Committee Chairman Jeff Miller (R-Fla.). “We didn’t change our congressional charter to be politically correct,” said Stroud, “we changed it because being an eligible service member or veteran is what’s important to our great organization, not one’s gender, and changing widows to surviving spouses is more representative of today’s military.” The bill now heads to the President for his signature.



IC3 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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New Twist to the Telephone Tech Support Scam

The IC3 has produced Scam Alerts in the past advising the public of an ongoing telephone scam in which callers purport to be an employee of a major software company. The callers have strong foreign accents. The callers report the user's computer is sending error messages and numerous viruses have been detected. The caller convinces the user to give them permission to run a program allowing the caller to gain remote access. The caller advises the virus can be removed for a fee.

Intimidation tactics used in this scam have influenced victims to pay fees associated with the removal of alleged viruses. It has been reported to the IC3 an individual who paid the required fees, later received a call advising the victim the funds paid for the services went to India and were used to purchase weapons for ISIS. The call came with an additional request for money to remove the victim's name from a black list.

In a new twist to the tech support scam, cyber criminals attempt to defraud using another avenue. The scam is executed while a user is browsing the Internet. In this scenario, a website being viewed provided a link to articles related to popular topics. The user clicked the link and was redirected to a website which produced a window that advised the user's computer had been hacked. Another window was displayed that contained a telephone number to obtain assistance. The user reported all attempts to close the windows were ineffective. Upon calling the number for assistance the user was connected with an individual who spoke with a heavy foreign accent claiming to be an Apple representative. Dur-

ing the process the user's web browser was hijacked. Restarting the computer in an attempt to regain access to the Web produced another message with a different telephone number to obtain assistance.



The execution of this fraud is similar to what was reported in a Public Service Announcement (PSA) dated 07/18/2013. The PSA reports on a version of ransomware that targets OS X Mac users. This version is not a malware; it appears as a webpage that uses JavaScript to load numerous iframes (browser windows) and requires victims to close

each iframe. The cyber criminals anticipate victims will pay the requested ransom before realizing all iframes need to be closed. The full PSA can be found at <http://www.ic3.gov/media/2013/130718-2.aspx>.

If you are a victim of this scam or a similar scheme it is suggested:

1. To file a complaint at www.IC3.GOV
2. Resist the pressure to act quickly
3. Be cautious of clicking on unknown links

Users and administrators are encouraged to review the IC3 Scam Alert for more details, and refer to the Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks Cyber Security Tip for information on social engineering attacks.

Scam Alert Source: <http://www.ic3.gov/media/2014/141113.aspx>

VFW National Commander puts Posts on notice

Below is a message from VFW National Commander John W. Stroud:

I am extremely disturbed by the recurring reports from the field as well as the media's portrayal of the VFW as an organization that is comprised of old and out of touch veterans who would rather drink in a dimly lit canteen than open their doors to our younger veterans. The VFW's mission is far too important; our objectives and causes for which we work far too critical; and the current situation of the veteran population far too dire to let the negativity of a few divide us and dilute our efforts. We must empower the younger veterans to be forces of change within our organization while lending them the institutional knowledge to be effective leaders for future generations of veterans.

The fact remains that the stereotypical, dingy, dark and smoke filled VFW Post and canteen do exist, but they have no benefit to our organization, provide no aid to our mission nor to the veterans we strive to help and serve. These Posts are in the minority of our organization, but in order to shift the paradigm we must challenge every member to hold their Post accountable. It's time for our membership to be emboldened into action and to push their Posts to strive for the high ideals that the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States was founded upon.

Accordingly, I am charging my current Department VFW Commanders to be advocates of change and to challenge the officers of the subordinate units within their command to be more than officers — challenge

them to be leaders cognizant of the current challenges today's veterans face. To do this, our VFW Posts must change their operational tactics to better reflect the modern crises younger veterans are facing on their new "battlefield" – the home front.

For those members and Posts who would rather serve themselves than the countless veterans who are in need, remind them that this organization exists for the benefit of all veterans rather than those of an entitled few. I want to make it clear that I will willingly provide my complete support to any of my Department Commanders who move to shut down any Post, or remove from our leadership rolls, anyone that is not committed to the goals of the organization. They simply don't belong here. The need is too great for a dynamic and modern VFW that can continue to advocate and respond unhesitatingly to the needs of all veterans in the 21st century and beyond. To do less, would be an unconscionable betrayal of our responsibilities as Americans and as veterans.

John W. Stroud
VFW National Commander



Happy Holidays

PLEASE JOIN US -- Wreaths will be placed by volunteers on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 12 Noon at Quantico National Cemetery. This is a moving experience that you should make part of your holiday tradition. With your help our local heroes will be remembered this Holiday Season.

Veterans Affairs Secretary McDonald Updates Employees on MyVA Reorganization Plans

Washington, DC – On November 10, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert McDonald sent the following message to all VA employees:

In the last few months as your Secretary, I have met and heard from Veterans and family members about how we can better serve Veterans. I've also traveled to VA facilities across the country and have had the extraordinary opportunity to meet with you, the men and women who work on the front lines and behind the scenes to care for and serve Veterans every day. These opportunities have informed my thinking as we work to plan for the future of the Department. Already, more than 2,000 VA employees at 20 facilities serving 1.4 million Veterans have shared their perspectives on how we can improve this Department, and have provided insightful and thoughtful feedback about how VA should be organized to better serve Veterans. It is clear that our shared mission is important to you and your colleagues. It's also clear that you share my goal of making VA easier to navigate for Veterans. I am grateful for your contributions, and your support in this endeavor.

As we have been considering changes to VA, we have also met with Veterans, Veterans Service Organizations (VSO), NGOs, and other stakeholders. We have used your feedback, and the common themes we heard in all comments, to begin shaping the way forward for VA. Soon, we will begin implementing changes to VA, to better structure our organization to meet Veteran needs. Our new alignments may change some of our processes, but our employees remain valued members of the team.

Our shared goals are to ensure that Veterans have a clear understanding of VA and where to go for what they need within any of our facilities; that employees are empowered with the authority, knowledge and tools they need to solve problems and take action; and that the products and services that we deliver to Veterans are integrated within the organization. The changes we plan to make are as follows:

- Establish a new **VA-wide customer service organization** to ensure we provide top-level customer service to Veterans. A Chief Customer Service Officer who reports to the Secretary will lead this effort. The mission of the new office will be to drive VA culture and practices to understand and respond to the expectations of our Veteran customers.
- Establishing a **single regional framework** that will simplify internal coordination, facilitate partnering

and enhance customer service. This will allow Veterans to more easily navigate VA without having to understand our inner structure.

- Working with our partners to establish a national network of **Community Veteran Advisory Councils** to coordinate better service delivery with local, state and community partners. Expanded public-private partnerships will help us coordinate Veteran-related issues with local, state and community partners, as well as VA employees.
- Identifying opportunities for VA to realign its internal business processes into a **shared services** model in which organizations across VA leverage the same support services, to improve efficiency, reduce costs and increase productivity across VA. Right now, we're looking at options used in the private sector to enhance our rapid delivery of services, and also at our own business processes that are suited for shared services.

Please keep in mind that this is a long-term process and we are just beginning to plan how this will all unfold. As we move forward with these changes, your feedback, ideas and perspective will be invaluable. To gather your suggestions, we have launched an intranet web tool, the My VA Idea House, where employees from across VA can submit ideas online to improve services, streamline processes and solve issues for Veterans and their families. Employees can also vote on submissions from your colleagues across VA. Sponsors will select ideas and create topic-related groups to encourage collaboration and help make the ideas a reality. The Idea House website will officially open for submissions tomorrow, Veterans Day, Nov. 11. I encourage you to go to vaideahouse.ideascale.com to submit your ideas and proposed solutions to the challenges you are seeing.

I know there are a lot of questions about this effort, and I know that there will be concerns. We don't have all the answers right now, and that's why we are reaching to you for your thoughts. This will be a fair and deliberate process, and we need your help to make sure our decisions are the right ones for Veterans.

As we collect input and work together to design an employee-led, Veteran-centric VA, we have a great opportunity to make significant progress toward our goals in the near term. Thank you for the work you are doing each day to make VA a stronger organization for America's Veterans.

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setting provides the perfect atmosphere for children and families. As you are aware, we collect Campbell's Soup labels so they will be able to purchase another new van/bus. We need your assistance in collecting labels for the National Home. Please help us by bringing your labels to the Post. Thank you in advance.

For individuals or family members who are ill or hospitalized, please let us know. And as always, you are in our prayers.

Please have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill

Ladies Auxiliary President



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Upcoming Events

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| Dec 1 | General Membership Meeting -- 1930 |
| Dec 7 | Pearl Harbor Day
Education Awards -- 1400 |
| Dec 13 | Wreaths Across America — Quantico National Cemetery — 1200 |
| Dec 18 | Youth Committee Meeting -- 1900 |
| Jan 5, 2015 | General Membership Meeting -- 1930 |
| Jan 9-11 | Winter Council, Williamsburg, VA |
| Jan 15 | VFW Day on the Hill — Meet at Post 9808 — 0800
Youth Committee Meeting -- 1900 |



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