

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
December 2020

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MARY CORKHILL / AUXILIARY 7589

A rainy Veterans Day didn't stop our Scouts from placing flags on veterans' graves at the Manassas cemetery.

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## Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Battle for Monte la Difensa "Mountain Massacre"

"The soft underbelly of Europe" was named by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. Churchill was referring to Italy. The Germans held the advantage in the rugged mountainous terrain 70 miles South of Rome. The Allied Forces considered this path the gateway to Rome in their 2-year heartbreaking brutal Italian

campaign. The Goal take the mountain before Winter.

The Battle for Monte La Difensa, which took place between 3 December and 9 December 1943, occurred during Operation Raincoat, part of the Battle for the Bernhardt Line during the Italian Campaign in World War II.

Monte La Difensa (also known as Hill 960) was one of the peaks forming the Camino hill mass which formed the left-hand "gatepost" dominating the Mignano Gap, key to the U.S. Fifth Army's route to Cassino and the Liri valley and thence to Rome. The mountain itself had become a stalemate for American and British troops because of the defenses employed by the German troops, part of the Bernhardt Line.

The action was the first combat in the Italian theatre for the US-Canadian commando unit 1st Special Service Force. They were attached to the U.S. 36th Infantry Division. The 1st SSF used the special training that they had received in winter and mountain warfare to scale the mountain and overcome the Germans atop the stronghold. The cost for both sides was high though. The 1st Special Service Forces suffered a 77% casualty rate but distinguished themselves by doing the seemingly impossible.

With the rest of 36th Division on 1st SSF's right attacking Monte Maggiore and British 56th Infantry Division (attacking Monte Camino) and British 46th Infantry Division on their left, it took 5 days heavy fighting for the Camino hill mass to be cleared. Casualties were high. After a pause to regroup the U.S. Fifth Army renewed its offensive but it took until mid-January to advance the 10 miles (16 km) to Cassino at the mouth of the Liri valley and the formidable Gustav Line defenses, where the Allies were halted by stubborn German defense until May 1944.

It is estimated that between September 1943 and April 1945, 60,000–70,000 Allied and 38,805–150,660 German soldiers died in Italy. The number of Allied casualties was about 320,000 and the German figure (excluding those involved in the final surrender) was over 330,000. Fascist Italy, prior to its collapse, suffered about 200,000 casualties, mostly POWs taken in the invasion of Sicily, including more than 40,000 killed or missing. Over 150,000 Italian civilians died, as did 35,828 anti-fascist partisans and some 35,000 troops of the Italian Social Republic. On the Western Front of World War II, Italy was the most costly campaign in terms of casualties suffered by infantry forces of both sides, during bitter small-scale fighting around strongpoints at the Winter Line.

Excerpt taken from: [www.worldwars.com/battle-monte-la-difensa](http://www.worldwars.com/battle-monte-la-difensa)

## Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill



**BULLETIN:** With the spike of the Coronavirus, Virginia's Governor Northam has announced limitations to public and private gatherings, an expanded mask mandate, strengthened enforcement at retail businesses and an alcohol curfew. The Post again will follow the guidelines set forth by the Governor and has cancelled or limited the number of attendees to some events. Your well-being is our top priority.

We welcomed two new members to the Auxiliary family, Ms. Tammie Connors and Ms. Lorrie Allen-Smith. We also wish to congratulate Ms. Annette Lewis as the recipient of a Life Membership for paying her 2021 annual dues early. "Thank you" to all members for your participation in this organization.

I wish to thank everyone who participated in all the fundraisers the Auxiliary sponsored this past month. Thanks to Panda Express, Wreaths Across America (WAA) and our membership request as we are now able to assist our veterans and their families with the support they need. Just a reminder of the fundraiser at Foster's Grille on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This event is from 11am to 9pm. They are requesting you show their coupon in order for the Auxiliary to receive credit. We hope you enjoy their hospitality.

November was a very busy month for the Auxiliary. We started off by assisting the Scouts with their flag retirement. Since we were not allowed to attend any of the Veterans Day celebrations in the community, we did provide 36 door hangers with a double flag pin to the veterans at three assisted living facilities. We laid wreaths at the Veterans Memorial and Francis Cannon's gravesite along with replacing flags at the Manassas cemetery. We donated 306 Christmas cards to Mission BBQ for our veterans and donated 28 dinners to the employees at Birmingham Green. I wish to thank the members for their tireless effort and participation in all the events.

We have been working hard to assist our veterans and to let them know that we are still here for them during these uncertain and most challenging times. To the veterans, the Auxiliary members wish to "Thank You" for your unselfish sacrifice to our country and for our freedom. We truly appreciate and are very grateful for what you did to give us a great life.

The Auxiliary members wish to congratulate the recipients of Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year awards. The staggering of the three group's award ceremonies will start at 1:00 pm and conclude at 3:30 pm on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at the Post. The Auxiliary **WILL NOT** be providing refreshments this year.

The rescheduled 8<sup>th</sup> District meeting for December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM by President Vicki Butler will be a teleconference instead of a face-to-face. The information for the teleconference is as follows: Meeting number (access code): 120-654-6192, Meeting password: Ka4Tyf (524893 from phones).

With the increase of Coronavirus cases, and to keep everyone safe, I have decided to cancel the face-to-face meeting for December 14<sup>th</sup> and make it a teleconference at 7:00 pm

## Youth Committee Update



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and hopes all of you are well and safe during this time. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 19 November at the Post. Those in attendance were Alex and Tina Bliem and myself, with comrades Dave Mattingly and Peter MacLeod participating by conference call. This has been a particularly busy time of year for us with a lot of youth activities to report to you. Let me begin my newsletter by

updating you on the youth contests. Post judging was held on Friday, 30 October and again on Sunday, 1 November at our Post. We received 60 Patriot's Pen, 67 Voice of Democracy and six Teacher of the Year entries this year which is an amazing result considering the challenges we faced administering our programs during the COVID pandemic. Much of our success can be attributed to the hard work of Youth Committee member Peter MacLeod, who over the years has developed strong relationships with many area schools. I would also like to express my gratitude to my Office Manager Jennifer Little Torres who was also instrumental in recruiting students and teachers for our contests and to Commander Wayne Moore and Comrade Jerry Martin for their contributions to the Teacher of the Year programs as well. A complete list of Post and District winners follows on the next page. I am truly proud of them and of all those who participated.

I would also like to mention that our first place Patriot's Pen winner, Sabrina Johnson, took first place at the District 8 judging which was held this past Sunday, 22 November at the Post. She will advance to the Department competition. It should also be noted that Ethan Brown and Ryan Bocompani came in second and third place at the District Voice of Democracy competition. Finally, two of our teachers, Gabrielle Patterson and Elizabeth Stone, also won at District level and will advance to Department competition for Teacher of the Year. Again, a big congratulations to all our winners and participants.

The Post has a scheduled Educational Awards Ceremony on Sunday, 6 December 2020 to recognize and award our Post student and teacher winners. Because of the mandatory attendance restrictions this year's awards ceremony will follow an abbreviated and simplified format. In order to limit occupancy in the hall we will have three separate award presentations and stagger them at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 PM. There will only be an awards presentation for all the winners with no formal program, guest speaker or refreshments. We are also restricting attendance by Post members to only those participating in the presentation ceremony. Hopefully we can resume our normal format next year when this pandemic passes or we are all vaccinated.

Post 7589, in conjunction with our Scouts, held a tremendously successful Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, 8 November at the Post. The ceremony began at 8:30 AM and concluded at 12:30 PM. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended with 49 participants. 18 Boy and Girl Scouts were present from Troops 30, 670 and 1372 and from Cub Scout Pack

1372. We also had a contingent of seven members from the DAR -EMH Chapter as well as Comrades and Auxiliary members from our Post. Seven barrels of flags were respectfully retired which amounted to over 600 flags. Two burn barrels were used to accomplish this, making it a very efficient process. A big thank you and a job well done to all who participated. Our next flag retirement will be held in the spring and will be announced after the New Year.

Veteran's Day activities were severely restricted this year due to the pandemic. We can however report that Scouts from our Post's Scout Troop 1372 participated in flag placements on Veteran's Day at the Manassas Cemetery. The Scouts met at 9:00 AM at the Francis Cannon gravesite then, after a short ceremony, split into four groups and placed flags at the grave sites of veterans. A wreath was placed at the Francis Cannon gravesite that same morning. Everyone braved the rain and performed well under these conditions. All who participated should be commended for their dedication and resolve.

Other than our December Awards Ceremony not much is planned for the Youth Committee until the spring when our Scout of the Year and Auxiliary art contests begin. We are entering our typical slow period and welcome the much needed rest. District and Department Youth Award ceremonies are planned and details will be announced once they have been finalized in future newsletters.

Our next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 17 December 2020 at the Post at 7:00 PM. As always we welcome your participation and hope to see you there.

With best regards,

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair



PETER MACLEOD / POST 7589

Lou Filippone and Rick Raskin at the Post's essay judging

## 2020-21 VFW Post 7589 Educational Award Recipients

### Patriot's Pen, 6th to 8th Grade

#### " What is Patriotism to me?"

- ◆ First Place: Sabrina Johnson, 6th Grade Manassas Christian School, Manassas Park, Va.
- ◆ Second Place: Alexander Horn, 8th Grade Metz Middle School, Manassas, Va.
- ◆ Third Place (tie): Keona Thomas, 8th Grade Manassas Christian School, Manassas, Va.
- ◆ Third Place (tie): Robin Dalasung, 8th Grade All Saints Catholic School, Manassas, Va.
- ◆ Honorable Mention (tie): James McKinney, 7th Grade Manassas Christian School, Manassas Park, Va.
- ◆ Honorable Mention (tie): Veronica Frank, 6th Grade Holy Family School, Front Royal, Va.

### Voice of Democracy, 9th to 12th Grade

#### "Is This the Country our Founders Envisioned?"

- ◆ First Place: Ethan Brown, 12th Grade Patriot High School, Nokesville, Va.
- ◆ Second Place: Ryan Bocompani, 12th Grade Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, Va.
- ◆ Third Place: Gabriella Quintero, 12th Grade John Champe High School, Aldie Va.
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Gregory Miller, 11th Grade Seton High School, Manassas, Va.
- ◆ Honorable Mention: William Reese, 11th Grade Seton High School, Manassas, Va.

### VFW Manassas area Teacher of the Year

- ◆ Grades K-5: Mrs. Gabrielle Patterson, 4th Grade Teacher, Baldwin Elementary School, Manassas, Va.
- ◆ Grades 6-8: Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, 6th Grade Teacher, Baldwin Intermediate School, Manassas, Va.
- ◆ Grades 9-12: Ms. Stephanie Nash, Math Department Co-Chair/Jobs of Virginia Graduates Specialist Unity Reed High School, Manassas, Va.

I would like to thank all those who worked on and with the Youth Committee and made this year so successful. We received entries from 59 Patriot's Pen and 67 Voice of Democracy students and a total of 6 teachers.

Lou Filippone  
Youth Committee Chair

## District 8 Educational Awards

### Patriot's Pen



- ◆ 1st Place: Sabrina Johnson, Manassas Christian School, Manassas, Virginia — Submitted by Post 7589
- ◆ 2nd Place: Leah M Kim, Wakefield School, The Plains, Virginia — Submitted by Post 9835
- ◆ 3rd Place: Ava E Price, Wakefield School, The Plains, Virginia — Submitted by Post 9835
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Mariah E Rollins, Thornburg Middle School Spotsylvania, Virginia — Submitted by Post 3103
- ◆ Honorable Mention: Keona Thomas, Manassas Christian School, Manassas, Virginia — Submitted by Post 7589

### Voice of Democracy



- ◆ 1st Place: Tyler Thomas Kelley, Southeastern Alternative School, Midland, Virginia — Submitted by Post 9835
- ◆ 2nd Place: Ethan J Brown, Patriot High School Nokesville, Virginia — Submitted by Post 7589
- ◆ 3rd Place: Ryan M Bocompani, Brentsville District High School, Nokesville, Virginia — Submitted by Post 7589

### Teacher of the Year



- ◆ Grades K-5: Gabrielle Patterson, Baldwin Elementary School Manassas, Virginia — Submitted by Post 7589
- ◆ Grades 6-8: Elizabeth Stone, Baldwin Intermediate School Manassas, Virginia — Submitted by Post 7589
- ◆ Grades 9-12: Peter Findler, Wakefield School The Plains, Virginia — Submitted by Post 9835

## Scouting Report



**Alex & Tina Bliem**  
**Post 7589 Scouting**  
**Representatives**

This month, despite being in the middle of a pandemic, it has been pretty busy for our Scouts. It has been a difficult journey keeping the Scouts active and engaged during a pandemic, but if we do not they will lose interest in Scouting. Juggling engagement and safety has been difficult but our units have been doing a good job.

This month our boys troop had another successful camping trip while practicing all of the current Covid precautions and many other rules that were put in place by the camp. They still had a great time and

learned some new skills.

On 11/8 our scouting units, alongside our VFW Post and Auxiliary, ran an extremely successful flag retirement ceremony. They respectfully and carefully retired many hundreds of American flags and followed the Governor's orders for the wearing of masks and distancing.

On Veterans Day we had a small contingent of six people perform the wreath laying ceremony at the Manassas Veterans Memorial. This included VFW members, the Auxiliary, and our own son who earned his Eagle rank this summer. Afterwards we went to the Manassas Cemetery where we were met by many other scouting families who braved the rain and cold to place flags on veterans grave sites. We first, however, had a small ceremony at the grave site of Francis Cannon where we placed a wreath and a flag.

The Scouts are also engaged in a nationwide Scouting for Food program to assist in filling the local food banks. The program this year has changed a lot because of safety, but they are persevering and running a long term program now versus just the two weeks in prior years.

The Scouts continue to meet both virtually via Zoom and in person when possible. We have modified our own safety protocols which involve taking everyone's temperature, wearing masks, distancing, and thoroughly cleaning the meeting area before and after the meeting. Sanitizer has also been made available to everyone during the meetings. As our Post is the chartering organization, we want to make sure our Scouts are being kept safe while still engaging in their scouting duties.

Future endeavors may include participating in Wreaths Across America which Tina and I have led with the Scouts for many years now. At this moment, however, we are waiting to see what the processes will be for the different cemeteries in the area. December normally would have meant the Scouts being very busy in community activities such as the different Christmas parades, but this year is something else...

Until next month, please stay safe, stay healthy, and be happy!

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instead. The information for the teleconference is as follows: **Dial-In Number:** 1-717-275-8940, **Access Code:** 4364446, **Your Moderator PIN:** 3213953. Our scheduled party will be at a later date when the environment is safe.

There are a few changes for Wreaths Across America at Quantico National Cemetery this year. Unfortunately the Auxiliary will not be participating this year. Starting December 16<sup>th</sup> and concluding December 19<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to attend you **must** register in order to participate. They will be following the state's guidelines by limiting attendance to no more than 250 participants at any given time and that will include the wearing of a face covering.

The National Home is adapting to the challenges of the pandemic. They are also operating under the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order mandated by Michigan's Governor as they adhere to CDC social distancing guidelines to ensure the health and safety of the families entrusted to their care. Their programming staff is still able to remotely serve both parents and children living on campus. Uncertain times call for creative solutions and the National Home staff is adapting to the new normal while they do their best to stay together while remaining apart. Please keep them in your prayers.

Your prayers are needed for Ms. Brenda Meade, who lost her husband and our former Post 7589 Commander Steve on November 16, 2020, District 8 President Vicki Butler, Ms. Janice Long, who is recuperating from a stay in the hospital, Elanor Dociz's daughter and grandson, Cookie Cullen's daughter, Ellie Smith, Rick Vollmer and Cindy McIntyre who has been ill and is on the road to recovery. Also remember to include anyone who is going through medical issues and other individuals who are ill and/or hospitalized.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



### Past Commander Steve Meade passes



We are saddened to have learned of the passing of Past Post Commander Steve Meade on November 16. Steve was Commander from July 2007 to June 2010 and led the Post through a strong growth period.

Steve was a Vietnam veteran serving as a combat engineer in Can Tho. He later became a drill instructor where he was known as “The Professor” because of his knowledge about multiple topics.

Steve later worked for the Washington Metro System where he served as a software programmer. After retiring he became more active in the VFW. Steve also served as the Service Officer at American Legion Post 10 in Manassas.

Steve suffered from diabetes and remained active for many years until his health declined.

He is survived by his wife Brenda, their two daughters, Stephanie and Angela, and eight grandchildren.

He will be missed.



### FTC warns companies to stop peddling fake COVID treatments and cures

November 12, 2020 by Colleen Tressler  
Division of Consumer and Business Education, FTC

Here at the FTC, we’ve seen people pitching COVID treatments like gemstone bead bracelets, water filtration systems, indoor tanning with red light UV therapy, copper water bottles, high dose vitamin C IV drips, juices and supplements, stem cell treatments, ozone therapy, laser light treatments, and more. All of these products and treatments have one thing in common: there is no evidence — as required by law — that they work against the Coronavirus.

As part of our ongoing efforts to protect consumers from sellers of scam COVID-19 treatments, the FTC has sent 20 more warn-

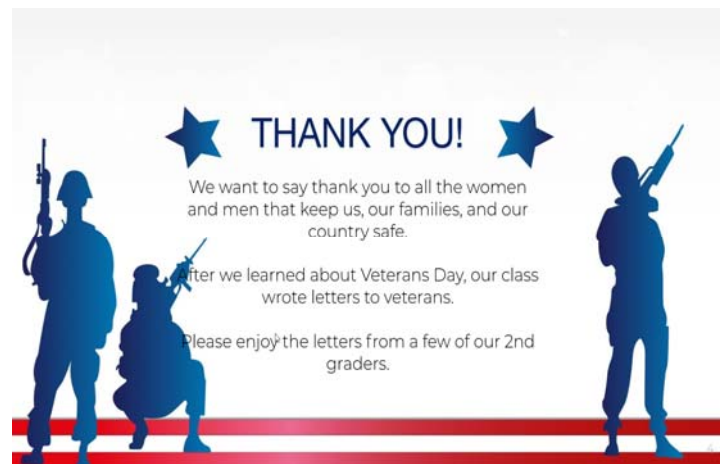
*(See Covid on page 10)*

### Local 2nd Graders Honor Veterans Day

Ms. Melissa Neal, K-12 Social Studies Specialist, Manassas City Schools, Office of Curriculum & Instruction shared these video links about what local 2nd graders did for Manassas Veterans on Veterans Day.

The kids and teachers did a great job with the art work and videos.

From Haydon (video)- <https://www.wevideo.com/view/1915840391>



From Dean (slideshow)- [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nyA12KmT1kxP2rIGBYRPM2F\\_kSA-0n9IUqCbWdtJKIU/present?slide=id.p3](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nyA12KmT1kxP2rIGBYRPM2F_kSA-0n9IUqCbWdtJKIU/present?slide=id.p3)

Submitted by Jerry Martin

# Wreath and flag placements on Veterans Day

Scouts, Auxiliary and Comrades turn out in spite of the rain



# November 8 Flag Retirement

*Over 600 flags were respectfully retired*

Photos by Alex Bliem





## Veterans and imposter scams

November 23, 2020

by Carol Kando-Pineda, Attorney, FTC, Consumer & Business Education

During the past four years, the FTC logged more than 378,000 reports from veterans — and nearly 161,000 were fraud-related. More than 24,000 of those reported a loss (with total losses of \$205 million). Veterans had a median loss of \$755, compared to active duty servicemembers who reported a median loss of \$500 over the same period.

For both veterans and active duty personnel, imposter scams were among the top five scams causing a loss. Imposters pretend to be someone you trust to try to convince you to send them money. These scammers use all kinds of angles to make their stories sound believable. Here are some tips that talk about how to spot an imposter scam.

### Government

Scammers pretend to be officials from the IRS or other government agencies to get your money. They even rig caller ID to make their call look official. They play on your fears and threaten to take your driver's license or sue, arrest, or deport you, if you don't pay. Hang up — legitimate government officials won't threaten you or insist that you pay with a gift card, a wire transfer, or cashier's check.

### Business

Some scammers are phishing for your personal information and pretend to be from legitimate businesses, including popular online shopping websites. A caller may claim to be from Amazon.com — they say your credit card has been charged a large amount of money for some order. Then, they'll give you the "Amazon Support" phone number and tell you to immediately call if you didn't make that order. Don't do it. That's not really Amazon. The scammers want you to call their number so they can ask for your passwords, credit card number, and other sensitive information to get your money.

### Online romance

You meet someone on a social networking site. They seem like a perfect match, but soon enough they ask you to send money. The person pretending to be your virtual sweetheart is a scammer. If an online love interest asks you for money, don't send it.

### Tech support

Scammers pose as big-name companies and call or send pop-up messages to scare you about the security of your computer. They run scans to show you what's wrong with your computer. But the truth is, they aren't finding and fixing problems. They just want you to pay for software or tech support services you don't need. Don't give out your financial information, and don't let anyone take control of your computer.

Check out more tips to avoid these scams at [ftc.gov/imposters](https://www.ftc.gov/imposters).

Submitted by Gunny Lewis

## Post suspends Bingo operations

by Rick Raskin

November 13: In accordance with Governor Northam's executive order increasing Coronavirus restrictions we have opted to discontinue Bingo operations.

Under the order, "... public and private in-person gatherings of more than 25 individuals are prohibited. The presence of more than 25 individuals performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a "gathering." A "gathering" includes, but is not limited to, parties, celebrations, or other social events, whether they occur indoors or outdoors. indoor and outdoor gatherings are limited to 25 people."

Although we may have been able to conduct Bingo with reduced attendance we would have had to turn people away. Our Bingo managers agreed that suspending operations was in our best interest.

Bingo will resume after restrictions have been lifted or modified so as to allow reasonable occupancy.



BOBBY KNIGHT / POST 7589

At our November 9th meeting Dave Mattingly and Rick Raskin presented Commander Wayne Moore a commemorative cap from the Colin Wolfe Memorial Golf Tournament for our Post's hole sponsorship.



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ing letters to companies that claim their products can prevent, treat, or cure COVID-19.

Like the hundreds of other warning letters the FTC has sent to other companies, these letters require the sellers to notify the FTC within 48 hours of the specific actions they have taken to address the agency's concerns. The FTC will follow up with companies that fail to make adequate corrections. The good news: in nearly all cases so far, those who get the letters have stopped making the false claims or selling the scam product or treatment.

When it comes to the fight against the Coronavirus, knowing the facts will help. If there's a medical breakthrough, you're not going to hear about it for the first time through an ad or sales pitch.

Here are tips to follow and share with others:

- Always talk with your doctor or another healthcare professional before you try any product claiming to treat, cure, or prevent COVID-19.
- Head to [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) for clear and concise information on COVID-19. In addition, visit the FDA's resources page to find out about treatments in development.
- Learn more about scams related to COVID-19 by visiting [ftc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus) and subscribing to Consumer Alerts from the FTC.
- If you find a product that claims to prevent, treat, or cure COVID-19, report it to the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).

Submitted by Gunny Lewis

**December 7 Post meeting to also be available via video teleconference.**

**Come in person or join using Zoom.**

Doors open at 7:00 PM

Meeting starts at 7:30 PM

Zoom available starting 7:15 PM



### Meeting information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87306042445?pwd=d3J5UG0ybVZvL3BRVEFuRCtleUVoUT09>

Meeting ID: 873 0604 2445

Passcode: 281669

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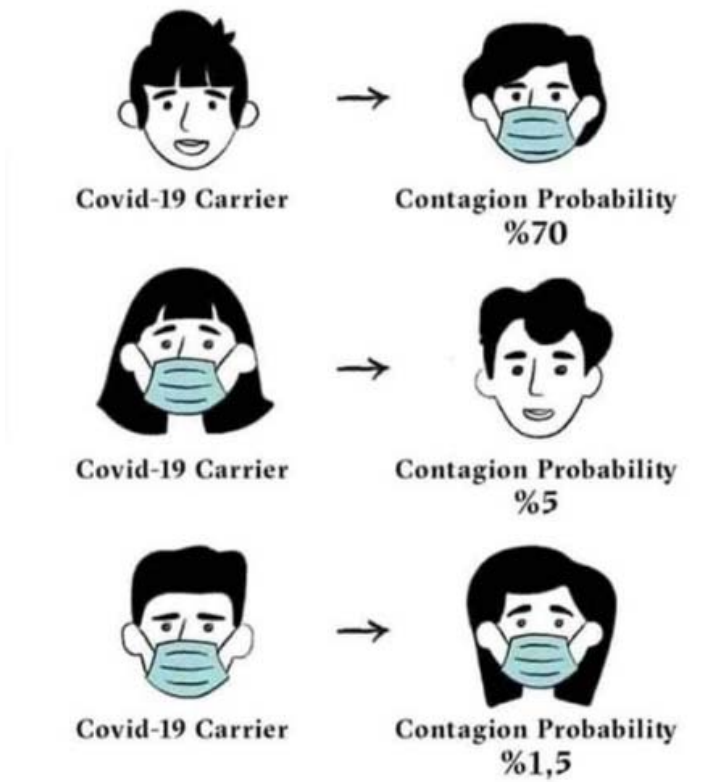
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Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Bobby Knight
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Ron Knowles
1 Year Trustee	Pete MacLeod
2 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
3 Year Trustee	Dave Mattingly
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Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem



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 Suite 305  
 703-479-7437

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

HELP SUPPORT

VFW Auxiliary 7589

WHEN: Tuesday, December 8th  
11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

WHERE: Foster's Grille Manassas  
9417 West Street  
703-257-7272

www.fostersgrille.com



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VFW Auxiliary 7589

WHEN: Tuesday, December 8th  
11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

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## Manassas Ballet Theatre Presents The Nutcracker



<https://manassasballet.org/season/the-nutcracker/>

Presented by Dominion Energy and Miller Toyota.

Northern Virginia's favorite Nutcracker is back to help you celebrate the holidays. Join sweet Clara, naughty Fritz, the party guests and dancing dolls and of course Drosselmeyer and the Nutcracker Prince as they lead the way through a dreamy journey of fantasy and sweets. The Nutcracker is a wonderful holiday show for all ages, featuring our international company dancers from the beautiful Hylton Performing Arts Center.

Live streaming begins Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 at 7:30pm and continues for 30 days. You may purchase your tickets (access) at: <https://vimeo.com/ondemand/mbtnutcracker>

**Our Post helps support Manassas Ballet Theatre in memory of LCPL Colin Wolfe.**

In this production Post 7589 QM / PDC Rick Raskin plays Herr Silberhaus and Trustee Dave Mattingly provides photography for rehearsal and filming nights.

## Upcoming Events

December 6	District 8 Auxiliary meeting — 10:00 AM — Teleconference
December 7	Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — Zoom teleconference available (See page 10)
December 8	Auxiliary Fundraiser — Dining for Dollars at Foster’s Grille
December 14	Auxiliary Meeting — Teleconference 7:00 PM
December 24	MBT’s “The Nutcracker” begins streaming (See page 14)
<b>2021</b>	
January 4	Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — Video teleconference available
January 9	Department Council of Administration meeting — Post 9808, Mechanicsville
January 11	Auxiliary Meeting — 7 PM
February 1	Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — Video teleconference available
February 5-6	State Commander’s Homecoming, Virginia Beach
February 8	Auxiliary Meeting — 7 PM
February 13	District 8 Meeting — Post 3103, Fredericksburg — 10:00 AM
March 8	Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — Video teleconference available
March 15	Auxiliary Meeting — 7 PM
March 24-28	National Commander-in-Chief Hal Roesch’s Homecoming, Portsmouth, Virginia
April 5	Executive Meeting – 7 PM, Post Meeting — 7:30 PM — Video teleconference available
April 12	Auxiliary Meeting — 7 PM
April 17	District 8 Convention — Post 2524, Culpeper — 10:00 AM

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