

# CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589  
Manassas, Virginia  
December 2023



RICK RASKIN

Veterans Day ceremony at the Harris Pavilion in Manassas. All 50 state flags were presented by Unity Reed High School JROTC. Speakers included Captain T. Perry, Manassas PD, CSM Julio Santos, 110 Aviation BDE, FT, Novosel, AL, Rick Raskin, PSC VFW VA, and Manassas Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger. The event was MC'd by Gunny Lewis of American Legion Post 10 and VFW post 7589. Kudos to Gregg Neiss of AL Post 10 for organizing the event.

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## Commander's Message



**Wayne Moore**

Seasons Greetings and the most Joy Able of New Year.

2023 draws to a close! It is my sincere wish for the best to you and yours. The year was winged as it flew by in a blur. Post 7589 has endeavored to keep its members informed of events, legislative changes, and membership activities. The working Comrades, Auxiliary members, and Scout Troop 1372 strived tirelessly to

maintain and improve our Post befitting your support and that of the communities we serve. Our youth programs remain robust as a substantial number of youths participated in our Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Essay contests.

It is our hope all of you receive and read the informative monthly newsletter. If you know of anyone unable to receive it by email, please notify us and an alternative avenue will be addressed (hard copy, or text). With the passing of the Pact Act (Vietnam Veterans era), the VA has made information available and widespread in the public domain to address health issues. However, it came to my attention that some veterans who did not retire or participate in the Veterans Administration disability process were hesitant or failed to act. If you served in Vietnam, Korea, and the subsequent conflicts in the Middle East, please contact any Veterans of Foreign Wars Post and ask to speak with a Service Officer. Membership is not required, and no fees are charged. We are here to assist and ensure the rights of all veterans are fulfilled by the law. Veterans who left the service after a first or second enlistment and felt fine over the year ignored service injuries and claims. With time, the effect of Agent Orange and other chemicals have been recognized and acknowledged. The process has been long, slow, and painful as the unknown wreaks havoc on our bodies.

Comrades, it has been and continues to be my distinct pleasure to serve and do whatever I can for any veteran who supported the cause for something unselfishly greater than themselves. As the new year rolls in I urge you to reach out to other vets and friends. The Rear is no less important than the Point while ensuring the safety of the Flanks. We may no longer be in uniform but the battle of life wages on and as we are now becoming more vulnerable watching out for each other is just as important as when danger is imminent.

As always, may whomever you deem your Higher Power continue as the beacon in your life and grant you, Mercy, and Blessing in the coming year!

Post Commander Moore

703-361-5554

## Auxiliary President



**Mary Corkhill**



Christmas is celebrated on December 25th and is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia,

people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. December 25—Christmas Day—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.

In November, the Auxiliary members assisted the Post in serving breakfast to the veterans before the Manassas Veterans Day Parade. We placed a wreath at both the Manassas Veterans Memorial and Francis Cannon's grave site. With the assistance of the scout troop, they replaced flags throughout the cemetery on veterans graves. I want to thank everyone for their participation.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the Year. We will have the Post Education Awards Ceremony on December 3rd at 4:00 PM. The Auxiliary will provide the refreshments. The Auxiliary members will have their annual Christmas party on December 11th at Logan's restaurant at 1:00 PM. On December 12th, several members will be delivering items to McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond. I want to thank everyone who participated in this project.

There are two events on December 16th which are (1) laying a wreath for a veteran at Stonewall Cemetery and (2) the annual Holiday Party, 3:00-6:00 PM at the Post. The Wreaths Across America at Quantico National Cemetery will be on Sunday, December 17th from 10 AM – 3 PM. Tickets are a new requirement this year and the times you wish to lay a wreath at this event.

The VFW & Auxiliary Winter Conference is on January 11-14, 2024 at Fort Magruder Hotel & Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia. Please put March 17 – 19, 2024 on your calendar for the National President Carla Martinez's visit. More information will be available when it gets closer to the date.

Congratulations to Ms. Jan Germain and Ms. Theresa McGrath for becoming the newest life members of the VFW National Home. A Life Membership is only \$50.00 and it goes toward the support of the veterans and their families. You can also purchase a Tribute Brick for \$100 that will be placed on walkways in front of different buildings on their campus.

It's that time of year when a large thank you goes to the members of the Auxiliary, Post and Scouts for a very successful 2023. May 2024 be just as successful, enjoyable and safe for each and every one!!!

Please remember to keep all individuals who are ill, hospitalized or have gone to their heavenly home in your prayers.

Respectfully,  
Mary Corkhill  
VFW Auxiliary President



## Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

The Youth Committee hopes everyone is having an enjoyable holiday season and are well. We held our last meeting on Thursday, 16 November at the Post. Alex and Tina Bliem, Alex, Lamar, Erika and myself were present and accompanied by Peter MacLeod via conference call. On Thursday, 2 November and Thursday, 9 November at the Post we held Judging for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen, and Teacher of the Year for the Post level competition.

## 2023-2024 VFW Post 7589 Educational Award Recipients

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

#### *"How are you inspired by America?"*

First Place: Guransh Sabharwal, 6th grade Marsteller Middle School, Bristow, Va.  
 Second Place: Evangeline G. Mayer, 7th grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.  
 Third Place: Sophie Marm, 7th grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.  
 Honorable Mention: Annelise N. Chau, 7th grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.

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

#### *"What are the greatest attributes of our Democracy?"*

First Place: Twisha Sinha, 10th Grade Centreville High School, Centreville, Va.  
 Second Place: Lucia C. Bingham, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.  
 Third Place: Rose M. Waldron, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.  
 Honorable Mention: Walter G. Saffian, 11th Grade Seton School, Manassas, Va.

## VFW Manassas area Teacher of the Year

Grades K-5: Mrs. Tamara West, 5th Grade Teacher, T Clay Wood Elementary School, Nokesville, Va.  
 Grades 6-8: Mrs. Lurlene Nestor, 7th& 8th Grade Teacher, Metz Middle School, Manassas, Va.  
 Grades 9-12: TSgt Tina Laing, ROTC Instructor Unity Reed High School, Manassas, Va.

The annual educational awards night will be held on Sunday, 3 December 2023 at 4:00P.M. at the post. Please attend and support these winners.

District 8 judging was held Saturday, 18 November at Post 7728 Morrisville.

We hope to see you at our next Youth Committee meeting scheduled for 21 December 2023 at the post at 7:00 PM. Please join us on the Committee. You'll be mentoring the next generation of Americans and, by getting involved, will work with some great people at the same time. I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday season and see you in the New Year.

With best regards,  
 Lou Filippone  
 Youth Committee Chair

## District 8 Educational Award Winners

### Patriot's Pen

1st Place  
 Samantha C. Schillo  
 Rodney E. Thompson Middle School, Fredericksburg, Virginia  
 8th grade  
 Post 3103

2nd Place  
 Matthew C. King  
 Wakefield School  
 The Plains, Virginia  
 8th grade  
 Post 9835

3rd Place  
 Averri O. Hall  
 TLC Prep School  
 Fredericksburg, Virginia  
 8th grade  
 Post 3103

### Voice of Democracy

1st Place  
 Lucas S. Huber  
 Mountain View High School  
 Stafford, Virginia  
 11th grade  
 Post 3103

2nd Place  
 Walter G. Saffian  
 Seton School  
 Manassas, Virginia  
 11th grade  
 Post 7589

3rd Place  
 Kiara Y. Amador-Rivera  
 King George High School  
 King George, Virginia  
 10th grade  
 Post 12202

## Teacher of the Year

K-5 — Krista Watson  
 Margaret Brent Elementary School  
 Stafford, Virginia  
 Kindergarten  
 Post 3103

6-8 — Lisa St. Ledger  
 Marshall Middle School  
 The Plains, Virginia  
 8th grade  
 Post 9835

9-12 — TSgt Tina Laing  
 Unity Reed High School  
 Manassas, Virginia  
 Post 7589



## Scouting Report



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

November was another good month for our scouts. They performed several meaningful service and community based projects as well as having some fun together and working on those leadership skills.

The first Saturday of November they collected around 1100 pounds of food for our local food banks. This was part of BSA's national "Scouting For Food" drive. This helps to fill food banks for the holidays all across the country.

This same day all of our scouting units had representatives marching in the Veterans Day Parade with our post. They carried the U.S. flag, their unit flags, and the post's new parade banner. Our youngest Cub Scouts carried our parade banner and represented our post and themselves very well.



On Veterans Day we also had a very good turnout of scouts at the Manassas Veterans Memorial for the wreath laying ceremony that was put on by our VFW and Auxiliary members. After the ceremony everyone went to the Manassas Cemetery where they placed a wreath at the gravesite of Francis Cannon, then placed a flag at all of the veterans gravesites.



Our younger Cub Scouts had a visit/tour of our local Firehouse this month. This is a great opportunity for our youth to come face to face with our First Responders. This helps our youth to be comfortable around them and learn how some of their heroes live and work. They have also visited our Police Department in the past and had a great time there as well.

Our Venturing Crew held their monthly scout led leaders meeting, immediately followed by their annual "Friendsgiving" meal. This is where everyone in the crew brings a dish and they have their own version of Thanksgiving amongst themselves. This was a very good evening where friends and families could come together for a good meal and good conversations.

Our troops also held their own scout led leadership meeting this month. As of this writing the troops are on a camping trip in Harpers Ferry WV. In the next newsletter I hope to have some good pictures of the trip.



Be safe,

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




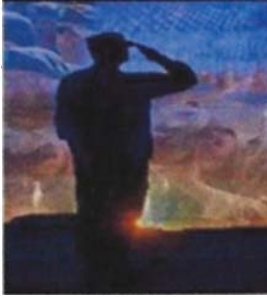
# Veterans Day Ceremony at the Harris Pavilion

Photos by Rick Goodman / American Legion Post 10

Featured speakers included Gunny Lewis (MC), CPT T. Petty (Manassas PD), CSM Julio Santos (110th Aviation BDE), Rick Raskin (PSC VFW VA) and Manassas Mayor Michelle Davis-Younger. Unity Reed HS JROTC presented all 50 state flags. OPHS band and the Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band provided music. Special thanks to Greg Neiss from Post 10 who organized and coordinated the event.



## Veteran's Groups and Cemetery preparing for "Final Salute"

	<p>ALL HANDS ON DECK For the "Final Salute" December 16, 2023 Stonewall Memory Gardens 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas</p>	
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Please join us as two Veterans will be given proper Military Honors, as we unveil VA issues bronze markers on their graves that are currently unmarked.

Please arrive no later than 1:15 p.m. at the first gravesite, after which we will proceed to the second gravesite for that Veteran's ceremony.

Please carpool and bring your own chair.

Handicap Parking and Portable Restrooms will be available.



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## Working Together - Making a Difference

American Legion Post 1799 and VFW Post 7589 will unveil Veteran Administration issued bronze headstones to mark two unmarked veterans' graves to mark two unmarked Veterans graves at Stonewall Memorial Gardens on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The public is invited to attend.

The two posts have been working on this project since late summer 2023. Direct descendants of both veterans will be in attendance. Coordinating with the staff of Stonewall Memory Gardens and the two families, the two posts were able to secure each of the veterans' required paperwork to submit to the V.A. for issuance of bronze markers.

Because of the generosity of VFW Post 7589 and American Legion Post 1799, these two organizations donated enough to cover the entire cost (including installation) for Stonewall Memorial Gardens in Manassas, VA to mount the bronze markers to granite and place each one on a cement footing. Stonewall Memory Gardens also contributed with in-kind contributions.

The Haymarket American Legion Post 1799 has been instrumental in preparing for this program. Their post is providing the color guard, rifle team, and buglers.

Each of the Veterans will receive full and proper Military Honors.

We could not have done this without the help of the team effort of all those involved.



# DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



[DontFeedTheSharks.org](http://DontFeedTheSharks.org)

**What is a "Claim Shark"?**

- A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims – this practice is illegal!
- Claim Sharks are not VA accredited, meaning they aren't required to adhere to the well-established professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation, so their advice can often be misleading or even fraudulent.
- Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating, no matter who does the work.

**Some of their predatory practices are:**

- Promising or guaranteeing an increased disability rating or percentage increase.
- Advertising expedited VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access a veteran's personal information through secure VA websites like eBenefits or VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.

**Who are the Claim Sharks?**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Trajector Medical</li> <li>✦ Vet Benefits Guide</li> <li>✦ Veterans Guardian</li> <li>✦ VA Claims Insider</li> <li>✦ Telemedica</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Patriot Angels</li> <li>✦ Veteran Care Services</li> <li>✦ VetComm</li> <li>✦ VA Claims Academy</li> <li>✦ Vet Assist</li> </ul> |
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**Veterans can protect themselves by:**

- Always working with VA accredited representatives.
- Attending all exams ordered by VA.
- Not signing contracts.
- Not agreeing to fees or payments from future benefits.
- Not agreeing to pay for medical consultations or opinions.
- Not providing access to Protected Health Information or Personal Identifiable Information.

**Who is NOT a Claim Shark?**

- VA accredited veterans service organization representatives, like the VFW
- VA accredited claims agents
- VA accredited attorneys
- Attorneys assisting with Camp Lejeune lawsuits who do not charge excessive fees





## FTC Providing Refunds to Consumers who Lost Money to Tech Support Scheme

NTS made millions from scheme that used fake security scans, falsely claimed affiliation with companies such as Microsoft, Apple

November 7, 2023

The Federal Trade Commission is providing full refunds to consumers who lost money to the NTS IT Care tech support scheme, which tricked consumers into buying expensive and unnecessary tech support services and often claimed to be affiliated with Microsoft, Apple, and other tech companies. According to a complaint, they often targeted older Americans and those unfamiliar with computer security.

The refunds stem from a 2020 settlement the FTC reached with NTS IT Care, Inc., and its CEO, Jagmeet Singh Virk. The FTC's case against Virk and NTS had been under seal until earlier this year pending the outcome of a criminal case involving Virk and NTS brought by the Department of Justice.

"As a recent report to Congress makes clear, the FTC is committed to taking action to protect older consumers from scams like these that have a disproportionate impact on them," said Samuel Levine, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "And, what's more, the FTC will keep working with DOJ to ensure criminal prosecutions follow criminal conduct."

In its complaint, the FTC said that NTS lured consumers through alarming and deceptive pop-up warnings that appeared when consumers browsed the Internet and often disabled their browsers. The pop-ups looked like a security alert from the computer's operating system and falsely claimed that a consumer's computer had been compromised by malicious software, such as a virus or spyware. The pop-up further stated that the computer had been "blocked," and that the consumer's personal information was being stolen. The pop-ups sometimes falsely claimed to be from Microsoft, Apple, or another legitimate tech company and instructed consumers to immediately call a toll-free number for help.

When consumers called the number, the company's sales representatives ran bogus diagnostic scans to convince consumers that their computers needed immediate repair and used high-pressure and deceptive sales tactics to push consumers to buy multi-year technical support service packages that cost as much as \$499. NTS and Virk made millions of dollars from the scheme.

Now, the FTC is using money obtained as part of the settlement to provide payments totaling more than \$255,000 to 272 consumers who provided victim statements in the case against Virk and NTS. The average refund amount is \$937. Most consumers will receive their payment by check and will have 90 days to cash their checks. Consumers who have questions about the refunds

should contact the refund administrator by phone at 866-441-9746 or by email at [NTSITCare@refundadministrator.com](mailto:NTSITCare@refundadministrator.com).

The settlement imposed a \$4.9 million judgment against NTS and Virk, which was partially suspended due to their inability to pay the full amount. In addition, NTS and Virk are permanently prohibited from selling or marketing any tech support service and from benefitting from any personal data they collected from consumers. They are also permanently banned from engaging in misleading telemarketing practices and from trying to collect payments from customers for technical support services they previously sold.

The Commission vote authorizing staff to file the complaint and stipulated final order was 5-0. The Commission voted on the matter prior to the departure from the FTC of former Chairman Joe Simons as well as former Commissioners Rohit Chopra, Noah Joshua Phillips, and Christine S. Wilson. The FTC filed the complaint and final order in the U.S. District Court for Northern California. The court approved the stipulated final order in December 2020.

The lead FTC staffers on this matter were Ronnie Solomon and Sarah Schroeder from the FTC's Western Region San Francisco.

The FTC would like to thank the Department of Justice, FBI, Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, the Regional Enforcement Allied Computer Team (REACT Task Force), and the Better Business Bureau of Los Angeles & Silicon Valley for their assistance with this matter.

The Commission's interactive dashboards for refund data provide a state-by-state breakdown of refunds in FTC cases. In 2022, Commission actions led to more than \$392 million in refunds to consumers across the country.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition and protect and educate consumers. Learn more about consumer topics at [consumer.ftc.gov](https://consumer.ftc.gov), or report fraud, scams, and bad business practices at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov). Follow the FTC on social media, read consumer alerts and the business blog, and sign up to get the latest FTC news and alerts.

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SUBMITTED BY GUNNY LEWIS

# HOLIDAY PARTY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
**3 PM–6 PM**  
**AT THE POST**

**MENU**  
**TURKEY**  
**BRISKET**  
**MAC & CHEESE**  
**GREEN BEANS**  
**SALAD**  
**ROLLS**  
**ICED TEA**  
**LEMONADE**  
**CAKE**

**POST & AUXILIARY MEMBERS — FREE**  
**GUESTS \$5 PER PERSON DONATION**

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)

Visit: [www.vfw7589.org/Fees/RSVP.htm](http://www.vfw7589.org/Fees/RSVP.htm)

Alternatively

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

## VA Home Loan Guarantee program update

VFW National Veterans Service has received an update pertaining to the VA Home Loan Guarantee program. The Department of Veterans Affairs is taking the following steps to reduce Veteran Homelessness by helping Veterans and their families struggling with finances to retain their homes and avoid foreclosure.

VA has called on mortgage lenders to pause foreclosures on VA-Guaranteed Loans through May 31, 2024. During this time period, VA is also extending the COVID-19 Refund Modification program to allow Veterans to obtain a zero-interest, deferred-payment loan from VA to cover missed payments as well as to modify mortgages to make payments more affordable.

Please share this information with your Veterans and their families and encourage those struggling to make payments to contact VA Housing Assistance to discuss available options to help these vulnerable Veterans retain their housing. VA Housing Assistance can be contacted by phone at (877) 827-3702 or by visiting their website [www.va.gov/housing-assistance](http://www.va.gov/housing-assistance).

Thank you for your assistance to our Nation's Veterans and their families.

Respectfully,

### **Brad Hazell**

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## Both addresses look similar but not the same.

Spot the Difference?

[maybank2u.com](http://maybank2u.com) is not the same as [maybank2u.com](http://maybank2u.com)

[citibank.com](http://citibank.com) is not the same as [citibank.com](http://citibank.com)  
(the first one is correct, the second one is from hackers)

The "a" in the later url is a cyrillic alphabet.

An average internet user can easily fall for this. Be careful for every mail requiring you to click on a link.

Please Stay Alert



## Buddy Poppies get a new form

National is 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 are now being used by our post.

**Post 7589 Service Officer**

**Monti Zimmerman**

**703-223-2211**

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

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.

<u>Enrollment Cost:</u>		<u>Annual Payouts:</u>		
<u>Levels</u>		<u>Posts</u>	<u>Departments</u>	<u>National</u>
Gold-	\$1,200.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$800.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$400.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

<b>Member Incentives</b>	<b>Bronze \$400</b>	<b>Silver \$800</b>	<b>Gold \$1200</b>
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

December 3	Youth awards ceremony — 4:00 PM
December 4	Post meeting — 7:30 PM
December 11	Auxiliary Christmas Party — Logan’s Roadhouse— 1:00 PM
December 12	Auxiliary members will be delivering items to McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond
December 16	Auxiliary & VFW “Respect Our Fallen Vets” ceremony at Stonewall Memory Garden — Wreath Laying 12:00 PM, Ceremony 1:30 PM. (See Page 6) Post Holiday Party — 3-6 PM <b>(PLEASE RSVP if you plan to attend. See Page 10.)</b>
December 17	Wreaths Across America at Quantico National Cemetery
December 21	Youth Committee — 7:00 PM
January 8	Auxiliary Meeting — 2:00 PM Post meeting — 7:30 PM
January 17	JLC/VFW Day on the Hill — Meet at Mechanicsville Post 9808 at 8:00 AM
March 17—19	Auxiliary National President Carla Martinez visits Virginia



ELANOR DOCZI

Our thanks to Auxiliary Treasurer Elanor Doczi who crafted this wreath for our memorial ceremonies.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

American Legion Post 1799 and VFW Post 7589 Commanders Collat and Moore respectively presented Stonewall Memory Garden Representatives Julie and Emma with checks for the “Respect Our Fallen Vets” initiative. On December 16, at 2 pm The Commanders will unveil bronze headstones to identify two unmarked veterans’ graves.



**2023-24 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	Chris Morgan
3 Year Trustee	Lamar Baker
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Monti Zimmerman
Judge Advocate	Bobby Knight
Surgeon	Alex Bliem

**2023-24 Auxiliary 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	Janet Raskin
Trustee 2	Yvonne Sullivan
Trustee 3	Jan Germain
Historians	Jan Germain
	Patsy Gough
	Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	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.

**A Great Place to Call Home!**

**800-313-4200**



Virginia Department  
of  
Veterans Services

Manassas Office

9300 W. Courthouse Rd.  
Suite 305  
703-479-7437

**30 Games Including:**

**\$750 Jackpot**  
(Starts with 51 numbers)

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**90:10 Jackpot**  
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**Pull Tabs & Hard Cards**

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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

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**GAMES START AT 9:15 AM**

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Jennifer Kagans	2nd District	202-225-4215
Bobby Scott	3rd District	202-225-8351
Jennifer McClellan	4th District	202-225-6365
Bob Good	5th District	202-225-4711
Ben Cline	6th District	202-225-5431
Abigail Spanberger	7th District	202-225-2815
Don Beyer	8th District	202-225-4376
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### SALUTE TO THE MILITARY

Salute to the Military is our annual opening night ceremony, December 14, of Nutcracker that celebrates and thanks all military members and branches for their service.

This moving entre into the program features the Manassas Ballet Theatre Orchestra playing the National Anthem and a medley of all the service anthems, bagpipes playing "Amazing Grace" from the second balcony, a color guard, and the introduction of our honoree of the year.

Active duty military, veterans and first responders are invited to attend at no charge, by using the code SERVICE, with accompanying tickets offered at 20% off.

Tickets start at \$35 and are available at the links below or call the Hylton Box Office at 703-993-7759.

Performance at the Hylton  
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