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From the Post and
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Note:

This is the first digital copy of the Newsletter. Due lack of news for the December Publication, that edition was not published. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Post Commander

The last few months have been very busy for the Post.

First, **Rick Raskin** and I meet with the attorney regarding the rezoning of our property to B-3 so we could expand the building on the south side (towards the firehouse). We discovered after consulting the attorney, it would be to cost prohibitive to do the rezoning and expansion. We would have to pave the parking lot; then we would have to concern ourselves with storm water run-off; and have to install lights in the parking lot. These additional requirements would put the cost over a \$175,000.

We revisited the project with the attorney and Gregory construction company. We are considering put the expansion on the backside of the building. There are still obstacles to overcome, but we feel this will keep the building costs in line with what we have budgeted for the expansion.

Secondly, I want to thank SVC **Peter MacLeod** for organizing the school visit this year. Along with the assistance of Past Commander **Jerry Martin**, the school visit at Mayfield Middle School was a great success. Jerry recruited three WWII veterans who spoke with to the children. Joel Chase of Post 9835, Pete, Jerry and I also attended. The children were very attentive and asked great questions of the speakers.

George Fox and I attended Manassas Christian Academy. It is always a pleasure to attend the school. The children are so polite and after the ceremony, countless of children came up to George and me, shaking our hands and thanking us for our service.

SVC **Pete MacLeod**, JVC **Steve Botello**, Post Surgeon **Rod Gillette**, and I visited veteran who were patients at Prince William Hospital. We present each member with a pin representing the service each had served. The veterans were very pleased that we took the time to visit them. We are starting a program to visit veterans at the hospital on a regular basis. Other activities of the day were school visits to Round Elementary and Haydon Elementary schools.

Quartermaster **Rick Raskin**, Judge Advocate **Stephen Meade**, Post Surgeon **Rod Gillette**, Auxiliary President **Mary Corkhill**, Auxiliary member **Janet Raskin** conducted a Flag Retirement ceremony on November 11th. Over 700 flags were retired in this ceremony. Thanks to all who help.

On November 12th at 1100 hours, the 3rd Annual Greater Manassas Veteran's Day Parade stepped off. Comrade **Gunny Lewis** and his committee orchestrated a fantastic parade and "welcome home" ceremony for the veterans. This year, the parade especially honored the Vietnam veterans and they finally had the "Welcome Home"---long overdue! The grand marshals representing each of the branches were Colonel Wesley Fox, USMC; Lieutenant General Richard Trefry, USA; Rear Admiral Robert Shumaker; USN; Colonel **William Carruthers**, USAF (Bill is a member of Post 7589); and Rear Admiral Norman Saunders, USCG. Also, we had Lieutenant General Lu Mong Lan representing the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and Colonel Byunge Lee representing the Army of the Republic of Korea. Over 60 units were in the parade including our Post Color Guard. Thank you to **Mike Guttman**, **Peter MacLeod**, **Warren Ewell**, and **Rod Gillette** for serving in the Post Color Guard.

I do wish each and everyone in the Post family the happiest of holidays and a joyful New Year.

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Auxiliary President

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the chairmen and members of the Ladies Auxiliary for all the assistance during the Fall Jubilee, Yard Sale and CiCi's fund-raisers. During the month of October activities, several individuals took the time out of their busy lives to make our events such a wonderful success.

They were: **Marie Arthofer, Renee Bramer, Cookie Cullen, Nancy Dazzo, Elanor Doczi, Angela Fromm, Patsy Gough, Cindy McIntyre, Val Nealey, Janet Raskin, Yvonne Sullivan, Laura Wilkinson** and **Kay Yeager**. I would also like to say "Thank You" to the VFW Comrades, for their assistance as well. The Ladies Auxiliary would like to "Congratulate" June Childress as the winner of the Cancer Aid & Research basket.

During the recent National Convention, a Resolution was brought before the membership and passed to increase the National dues from \$3.50 to \$5.00 per member effective January 1st, 2012. Our annual dues are \$15, with a one-time \$5 initiation fee for new members. On January 1, our Annual Dues breakdown will be as follows: \$5.00 National Dues + \$5.50 State dues = \$10.50; this leaves a balance of \$4.50 for the Auxiliary General Fund. \$2.60 of the \$4.50 remaining is used to pay the following requirements per member: 35 cents for District Dues, \$2.00 for National's Cancer Aid & Research Program and 25 cents for the VFW National Home for Children Health & Happiness Fund. This leaves a balance of \$1.90 per member for the Auxiliary General Fund. If we increase dues to \$20, the remainder gives us \$6.90 per member to pay requirements, leaving a balance of \$4.30 for each member. As you can see, increasing dues will improve our General Fund. Initiation fee would remain \$5. At our December 5th meeting, we will discuss increasing our dues to \$20.00. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to voice your opinion, please contact me at 703-361-8950 or mcorkill@comcast.net.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the November events will have passed. I hope you were able to attend the Veteran Day activities. The Ladies Auxiliary will also participate in the Annual Manassas Neighborhood Conference event on Saturday, November 19th.

The Auxiliary will participate in the Manassas Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3rd. The parade will start at 10:00 am. Please join us for this annual event. The Post and the Ladies Auxiliary are planning to have a Holiday Pot Luck Dinner for the members and their families on Friday, December 9th at 7:30 pm. We hope to see the children because there may be a surprise visit from someone special. We need to know how many children will be attending. Please fill out the form that will be passed around to let the chairman know what food will be served.

Please join us at 12:00 Noon for Wreath Across America at Quantico National Cemetery on Saturday, December 10th. All wreaths are placed by volunteers. At the Post home on Sunday, December 11th at 4:00pm, we have scheduled the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony. After the ceremony, refreshments and socializing will take place with the winners and their families.

On Sunday, January 8, 2012, Post 7589 will be hosting the 8th District meeting at 1:00pm. Please keep collecting the Campbell's Soup Labels for the VFW National Home for Children. Please bring them to a meeting or drop them off at the Post Home.

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary wish you and your family a very safe and enjoyable holiday.

