

THE CANNON NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER

The overall state of the post is that we are in very good shape financially. We're currently sitting at 103.83% of our membership goal for the year, but we are always looking for additional members to the Post. We recently held a membership recruiting drive in front of J. E. Rice and were able to welcome four new members to our Post. Improvement is always needed in member participation in Post activities. The work of the Post seems to fall upon the same few individuals. We can also use help at our Wednesday morning Bingo. Bingo is our major source of funds for charitable donations.

Attendance at meetings has been increasing, but we need even more comrades to attend in order to properly reflect the wishes of our membership. At the recent National Convention held in Kansas City, many changes were made to the National Bylaws. A Bylaws committee was formed within the Post to see where we needed to make changes in our own Post Bylaws. We will be presenting the recommended changes at the February meeting, and voting on those changes at the March meeting. For those unable to attend the meeting, please send email to our Post Quartermaster at gm7589@verizon.net if you would like a copy of the proposed changes. Nominations for election of officers for the upcoming year will also be made at the March meeting. If you want to have a greater say in how the Post operates, this is one of the best ways to effect change.

Valerie Nealey who is the President of our Ladies Auxiliary, has arranged to have a representative of H & R Block present a tax session that spouses and friends are welcome to attend on Saturday, February 9 from 1 to 3 pm. We need to know by the February meeting how many are going to attend in order to have enough material on hand.

As this Newsletter goes to print, our Great Country still has troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Please keep our military in your prayers. The dreams and hopes of our country lie in the hands of these courageous men and women.

Prior to the February meetings of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary, at 1830 hours, one hour prior to our regular monthly meetings, the Post and Auxiliary will be presenting awards to the winners of the Patriot's Pen, Voice of Democracy, and Teacher of the Year contests. Please come and show your appreciation and support to these young people and to those who help shape their minds. Refreshments will be provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Your Post Commander,

Steve Meade

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This is your Newsletter, therefore your input is not only welcome, but encouraged.

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Comrades, if you know of a fellow Comrade who is ill or in need of help, please call either **Chaplain Ron Knowles @ (703) 368-4743** or **Commander Steve Meade @ (703) 408-0875**.

"We honor the dead, by helping the living."

BINGO—ALWAYS NEED HELP

Comrades, our weekly Bingo is what is paying for our beautiful home and will enable us to meet our goals for the future. **I am looking for comrades to volunteer a few hours once a week.** Bingo starts at 8:00 AM and is finished about 12:30 PM. We have some great volunteers at present, but they have worked hard the last few years and need some help.

Department of Gaming rules now allow for non-members to assist with Bingo. So if you have a neighbor or friend that could help, please encourage them to do so.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Executive Meetings are scheduled for the Monday the week prior to the regular Monthly meeting. The meeting is at 6:30 PM. See Calendar for dates. **Note: All officers are requested to attend, and any member is welcome to attend.**

DISTRICT MEETING - MARCH 2ND

The District 8 Meeting is Sunday, March 2nd at 1:00 PM at Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589, Manassas, Virginia. Every member is invited to attend. Come out and see what is going on with other Posts in the District. **State Commander Jimmie Lee Wallace** will be attending. A committee will be appointed at the February membership meeting to handle the meal and refreshments.

POST 7589 WEB SITE

All sorts of pertinent information has been placed on the site. It is an ever changing site so look at it frequently - it has pictures from past activities and copies of our sponsored show "Operation Freedom". The web site contains information on both the VFW and the Ladies Auxiliary. If you are interested in renting the hall for an event, this is the place to look for possible available times and a sample copy of the contract. The address is: www.vfwpost7589.org. Any questions pertaining to hall rentals can be directed to our Post Quartermaster at qm7589@verizon.net or call the Post and leave a message at 703-361-5554.

CHANGE IN BYLAWS

A Bylaws Committee met to resolve differences between our Post by-laws and National By-Laws as updated at the last National Convention. Proposed changes will be discussed at the February General Membership meeting and voted at the March meeting. Anyone desiring a copy of the by-laws with the proposed changes please contact Quartermaster Rick Raskin at qm7589@verizon.net, or call 703-361-5554 and leave a message.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

Nominations for Post Officers for 2008—2009 will be made at the March 2008 meeting. Nominations are open to any member in good standing. Election of Post Officers will be held at the April 2008 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Comrades, I urge annual members to renew your yearly membership as soon as possible. When you receive your renewal notice, please set a little time aside and take care of this extremely important task. If you have not renewed your dues for this year, you are no longer a member in good standing. Remember, our Post has one of the lowest annual dues in the area due to our Bingo. So help us out, in order for us to help you out!

HAVE YOU RECRUITED A NEW MEMBER LATELY? *They are out there waiting to be asked.*

VFW POST 7589 2007-2008 EDUCATION AWARDS

VFW Francis Cannon Post #7589, Manassas, Va. and the Ladies Auxiliary are pleased to announce the 2007-2008 Education Award winners.

In the "Voice of Democracy" speech and essay competition, for grades 9 thru 12, the following students are this year's winners, writing and speaking on the topic "My Role in Honoring America's Veterans."

First Place: Sarah A. Wykowski of Manassas, Va., a 12th grade student at the Seton School in Manassas.

Second Place: Jessica J. Dunn of Bristow, Va., a 12th grade student at the Seton School.

Third Place: James T. Majewski of Manassas, Va., a 12th grade student at the Seton School.

In the "Patriot's Pen" essay competition, for grades 6 thru 8, the following students are this year's winners writing on the topic, "Why I'm an American Patriot."

First Place: Regan E. Burdick of Manassas, a 7th grade student at Parkside Middle School in Manassas.

Second Place: Alexander M. Tinnel of Manassas, a 7th grade student at Manassas Christian School.

Third Place: Samantha Colleen Sly of Manassas, a 6th grade student at Mayfield Intermediate School in Manassas.

The VFW Post 7589 and Ladies Auxiliary National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards for 2007-2008 are given to the following teachers:

Ms. Mary Graham, a sixth grade Math and History teacher at Mayfield Intermediate School in Manassas.

Ms. Carli Corliss, a World History teacher at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas.

Mr. Robert Pennefather, a History, English and Religion teacher at the Seton School in Manassas.

147 teachers and students in the Manassas area entered this year's VFW Education Award competition and the winners in each category now advance to the VFW District Level. Last year, Manassas Voice of Democracy winner Veronica Holmes of the Seton School also took District honors as did Patriot's Pen winner Angela Jividen of Metz Middle School. Two of last year's Teacher of the Year winners, James Meganhardt of Mayfield Intermediate School and Peter Scheetz of Seton School also won at the District level.

"Voice of Democracy," "Patriot's Pen" and the Teacher awards are sponsored nationally by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the Ladies Auxiliary with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri.

Congratulations to all of our winners this year!

Your Senior Vice Commander and Education Chair, Peter MacLeod.

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LADIES AUXILIARY 7589 NEWS

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Notes From The President: I attended the Winter Council/Conference Meeting in Williamsburg January 18-20. Also in attendance were Past Auxiliary President **Nancy Dazzo** and Life Member **Janet Raskin**. At the meeting, all Department Chairman promoted our programs – **Americanism, Buddy Poppy, Cancer Aid & Research, Community Service, HospitalVAVS, Legislative/PAC, Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy, Publicity, Veterans & Family Support and Youth Activities/Patriots Pen** – our Auxiliary is 100% reporting in all programs. To date, the Department of Virginia is 95.67% in membership and has collected \$27,000 for Cancer Aid & Research – our Auxiliary is 117% in membership and contributed \$318.69 to Cancer Aid & Research.

Ladies, Auxiliary elections will be held at our April 7th meeting. Please consider holding an office. I will be sending you a letter describing the duties of each Officer & Program Chairman. If you are interested, please let me know...the President needs your support -- she can't do it alone.

Youth/Education Awards – Monday – February 4 – 6:30 pm – Post Home

On Monday, February 4 at 6:30 pm the Post and Auxiliary will be presenting the Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards. Our Post/Auxiliary sponsors these contests every year. Please attend and meet the students and teachers. Refreshments will be served afterwards and meeting will follow at 7:30 pm.

Q&A Tax Session – Saturday - February 9 - 1 pm to 3 pm – Post Home

If you have any tax questions, you need to attend the H&R Block Tax Session which will be conducted by Elanor Doczi, an Auxiliary member. The Session is for Auxiliary and Post members but spouses and friends are invited. Please let President Nealey know how many will be attended so enough materials will be available - 703-368-7636 or jvnealey@verizon.net.

Girl Scout Gold Award – Sunday – February 10 – 1 pm

President Nealey and Kathy Drummond will be presenting the Ladies Auxiliary VFW's "**Outstanding Achievement Citation**" for **The Girl Scout Gold Award** to Natalie M. Popsuy. Natalie's ceremony will take place at the **Nativity of Our Lord Orthodox Church - 8911 Weems Road (corner of Weems Rd & Weir Street)**. Kathy is also the Service Unit Manager for the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. The Girls Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Senior Girl Scout can earn. If you would like to attend, please notify President Nealey at 703-368-7636.

District Meeting – Sunday – March 2 – 1 pm – Post Home

The District 8 meeting will be hosted by our Post. Our representative will be Department President Ellen Stogsdill. She would like to meet all the ladies in our District so don't miss this important meeting. Don't forget to bring an inexpensive gift for the Cancer Raffle. Lunch will be served after the meeting. This is your chance to meet Ladies and Comrades from the Culpeper and Fredericksburg Posts.

Birmingham Green Nursing Home & Assisted Living Facility - On December 22, holiday gifts were presented to 20 veterans at Birmingham Green Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facility. Thanks to **Pam Braithwaite** for chairing the program and the members who assisted: **Angela Fromm, Elanor Doczi, Patsy Gough, Jenn Nealey, Lucindy Owens, Jessica Owens** and **Kay Yeager**. Also, to **Andrea**, daughter of **Sondra Burroughs** and **Olivia**, daughter of **Jenn Nealey** – these young daughters put a smile on a veteran's face.

Holiday Social - The Holiday Social was held on December 9. Thanks to the Ladies and Comrades who helped make this event a success.

Campbell Soup Labels - The VFW National Home is collecting Campbell's Soup labels to purchase a new van for use on campus. Pam Braithwaite mailed 200 one-point labels and 6 five-point labels. Please, continue to save the labels and give them to Pam. The Home needs the UPC with the banner boy. Campbell's has many other items and a list of items will be available at the February meeting.

Overseas Coupons - Thanks to all the ladies who have donated coupons for our Marine Base in Iwakuni, Japan. Because of your efforts, Pam Braithwaite mailed \$16,688 worth of coupons. Keep up the good work!

Membership - Welcome new Life Members **Mattie Parrish** and **Jessica Owens**. Membership is now at 62. If each member recruited a new member, we would have 124 members!! If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our Auxiliary or if you need membership applications, please notify President Nealey.

If you know of any members or their families ill or in distress, please call **Chaplain Betty Knowles - 703-368-4743**.

If you would like to be reminded of auxiliary events via e-mail, send your e-mail address to President Nealey at jvnealey@verizon.net

2007- 2008 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Valerie Nealey	Conductress	Kay Yeager
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Secretary	Pam Braithwaite	Patriotic Instructor	Yvonne Sutton
Treasurer	Angela Fromm	Trustee 1	Jo Drummond
Chaplain	Betty Knowles	Trustee 2	Polly Tibbs
		Trustee 3	Nancy Dazzo

WEB SITES

VFW Post 7589: www.vfwpost7589.org

Virginia Ladies Auxiliary VFW: www.vfwvaaux.org

National Ladies Auxiliary VFW: www.ladiesauxvfw.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Meetings:** Monday, Feb 4 - Youth/Education Awards 6:30 pm; meeting at 7:30 pm
- Tax Session:** Feb. 9 – 1 PM to 3 PM – Post Home
- Girl Scout Gold Award:** Feb 10 – 1 pm – Nativity of Our Lord Orthodox Church
- District Meeting:** Sunday, March 2 - 1 PM - Post Home.

Comrades, we mail this newsletter to approximately 300 people and keeping addresses current is difficult, so if your address changes, please let the Post know. This will save us money in postage and copies.

Only a handful of individuals responded that they would like to receive their future newsletters via email. So we will continue to mail the newsletter to all of the membership.

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February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Awards & General Membership Meeting 1830 hrs	5	6 BINGO	7	8	9 Tax Session by H & R Block 1300—1500 hrs.
10	11	12	13 BINGO	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 BINGO	21	22	23
24	25 Executive Board Meeting 1830 hrs.	26	27 BINGO	28	29	

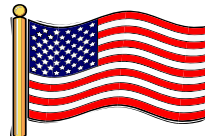
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