

THE CANNON NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER

Here it is the end of May 2007 and we have just completed our 61st year as a VFW Post. The overall State of the Post is we are in good shape financially and in membership. Improvement needed in member participation in Post activities. We really need help at our Wednesday morning Bingo. Also, attendance at meetings has been lacking. Net result is that a few members determine the direction of the Post. We need some fresh ideas and the only way you get those is by member participation.

Once again I wish to thank the membership for achieving **All-State Honors** for the 11th time in the last 13 years. **Quartermaster Rick Raskin** and **I** will be in Richmond accepting this honor on behalf of the Post at the June Convention. *We may be accepting the honors, but we could not have done it without all your help.*

Also, as most of you know I have also served as District 8 Commander this past year and as of today, I am the **Number One District Commander** for our category in the Nation. **Comrade Steve Meade** is also the **District Senior Vice Commander** and **Comrade Rick Raskin** is the **District Quartermaster** and **Comrade Joe Dazzo** is the **District Officer of the Day**. Elections were held at the May 20th District meeting and we were all re-elected for another year. All except **Comrade Joe Dazzo** who decided not to run.

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.

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Comrades, if you, or 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**.

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

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

BINGO—STILL NEED HELP!!!

Comrades, our weekly Bingo is what is paying for our beautiful home and will help 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. We desperately need at least one more Caller. **Comrades, we need help, so please volunteer.** *New Department of Gaming rules allow for non-members to assist with Bingo in all aspects but a couple, so if you have a neighbor or friend that would like to help, get them out to Bingo.*

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.**

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

There will be a School of Instruction held Friday, July 20 through Sunday morning, July 22, 2007, at Post 9808 in Mechanicsville, Virginia. At this time **Commander-Elect Steve Meade, Senior Vice-Commander Pete MacLeod, Quartermaster/Adjutant Rick Raskin** have signed up to attend. If you want to see what keeps the VFW ticking, all you have to do is attend this school. If you are interested in attending, please see the Quartermaster.

DISTRICT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 16

The District 8 Meeting is Sunday, September 16, 2007 at 1:00 PM at Post 2524 in Culpeper. Every member is invited to attend. Come out and see what is going on with other Posts in the District. We will meet at our Post Home at 11 AM and carpool to Culpeper.

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.

COMRADES, ONLY ONE COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS MAILED TO EACH HOUSEHOLD. OUR NEWSLETTER IS FOR BOTH THE POST AND THE AUXILIARY. PLEASE SHARE!

MEMBERSHIP

Comrades, our goal for 100% is 242 members, but the membership voted to achieve a goal of 103%, which is 250 members. We exceeded this goal by 9 members and have 259 paid members of which 154 are life members.

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

I wish to congratulate **Junior Vice Commander Steve Meade** who has recently been awarded a Special Recruitment Pin for signing up 5 new or reinstated members. **Quartermaster Rick Raskin** also received a Special Recruitment pin for signing up 10 new or reinstated members. Thanks to anyone who has signed up a new member.

POST 7589 WEB SITE

We now have a great web site which was established to keep you apprised of Post activities. **Junior Vice Commander Steve Meade and Quartermaster Rick Raskin** have done an excellent job, so please take a look at it and let them know if you have any suggestions or comments. All sorts of pertinent information has been placed on the site. It is an ever changing site so look at it frequently - it already has pictures from past activities. The web site contains information on both the VFW and the Auxiliary. The address is: **www.vfwpost7589.org**

VFW POST 7589 61ST ANNIVERSARY

On June 6, 2007 the Post will have been serving veterans and our community for 61 years. In celebration of our 61st year we have a get together on Sunday, June 10, 2007 from 2 PM - 5 PM. See invitation elsewhere in this newsletter. RSVP is necessary in order for us to have enough refreshments on hand.

MEMBER DATA SHEETS

Comrades, elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a Member Data Sheet. The Post Quartermaster uses this sheet to verify your file information. Please keep us informed of your new address and/or telephone number. If you have submitted this form already, thanks, you do not have to submit it again unless you have changes. Comrades, if you have e-mail, please let the Quartermaster have it. We need to find different ways to communicate what's happening in the Post to all our members. If we have everyone's e-mail and/or telephone number we could make sure you know everything that is happening.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Effective immediately, the Post has a new mailing address:

**VFW Post 7589
P O Box 10206
Manassas, VA 20108-0668**

NOTE FROM COMMANDER-ELECT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for believing in me by electing me as your new Commander. I will try to do the very best that I can in everything we do.

As I stated in the last newsletter, recently, there have been simply too few comrades showing up to help with various projects that the Post attempts to accomplish. We have had a sore lack of participation from the majority of the membership. We can use your help. The Post can only be as good as we all make it.

I know that as a working adult here in Northern Virginia, at the end of a work day, I really have to have some motivation to get out of the house after I settle myself in. I think about my fellow comrades who may still be on active duty deployed somewhere. The welfare of their loved ones at home and their ability to be able to contact them from wherever they may be deployed is one of the primary things I care about. I also care greatly about our wounded heroes recovering from their wounds at Walter Reed or Bethesda Naval Hospital. Being able to do things for them should be important to all of us. Think about if it were you or I in their place

The amount of time needed to do some of this work is really negligible. All of us learned how to work as part of a team when we were in the military. The work was always easier and quicker when everyone pulled their own weight. I'm asking you to help us by pulling your own weight. Everyone doing their share of the work makes it a much more enjoyable endeavor for all of us.

I am looking forward to working with you my fellow comrades in the upcoming year. With all of us working together, who knows what we'll be able to accomplish!

Your Commander Elect

Stephen A. Meade

CLOSING REMARKS

Comrades, once again I am stepping aside as your Commander. I have filled the position for a total of 8 years and I am worn out. I have also been **District Commander** for 5 1/2 years and was recently elected for one more year.

At the elections in April, you selected **Comrade Steve Meade** as your new commander who will have my wholehearted support and I will continue to be active with "OUR" Post as the Post's new Service Officer and Junior Vice-Commander. Thank you for allowing me to serve you all these years.

I would be very remiss if I did not thank our **Ladies Auxiliary** for all their help the last few years. Not only will the Post have a new Commander, the **Ladies Auxiliary** will have a new President. My wife **Valerie Nealey** will take over as President on June 17, 2007. I want Valerie and Steve to know they will have my whole-hearted support as they assume these new positions.



LADIES AUXILIARY 7589 NEWS

2007- 2008 AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Congratulations to the 2007-2008 officers who were installed at our regular meeting on May 7! Officers will assume their duties on June 17 after the Department President is installed at the State Convention.

President	Valerie Nealey	Conductress	Kay Yeager
Sr. Vice President	Pam Braithwaite	Guard	Patsy Gough
Jr. Vice President	Jenn Nealey	Historian	Elanor Doczi
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

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN NEEDED

Your Auxiliary needs Program Chairmen for the upcoming year -- A Chairman is required to conduct one activity/program. We need 6 Chairman for the following programs:

Cancer Aid & Research ~ Hospital & Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services ~ Legislative ~ Membership ~ Publicity ~ Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy -- Contact Valerie Nealey 703-368-7636 or jvnealey@verizon.net

INDOOR YARD SALE - Contact Nancy Dazzo 703-361-6041 if you have items to donate -- Items should be **CLEAN** -- **NO CLOTHES OR FURNITURE**. Yard Sale will be Saturday, September 8 - 8 am - 4 pm at the Post Home.

WEB SITES: www.vfwpost7589.org (check out the Ladies Auxiliary web site page) www.vfwvaux.org (Virginia Ladies Auxiliary) www.ladiesauxvfw.com (National Ladies Auxiliary)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ **Planning Session:** **Saturday, June 2** - For Post & Auxiliary - 10:00 AM at the Post Home - members invited.
- ✓ **Auxiliary Meetings:** Monday, **June 4** and Monday, **July 2** at 7:30 pm
- ✓ **61st Post Anniversary Celebration:** **Sunday, June 10** - Come between 2:00 pm & 5:00 pm at the Post Home. Please see enclosed flyer -- response is needed.
- ✓ **Department Convention:** **June 14-17** in Richmond

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	3	4 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	12	13	14 School of Instruction
15 School of Instruction	16	17	18 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	19	21	22
23	24	25	26 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	27	28	29
30	31 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm					

August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	2	3	4
5	6 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	7	8 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	9	10	11
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19	20	21	22 Bingo 8 am—12:30 p	23	24	25
26	27 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm	28	29 Bingo 8 am—12:30	30	31	

MEMBER DATA

The Post Quartermaster needs the following information for our computer system, therefore I am requesting each member to complete the following and return it to the Post.

NAME _____ SPOUSE _____

ADDRESS _____ TEL. _____ E-MAIL _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

SOCIAL SECURITY # ___ - ___ - ___ DATE OF BIRTH __/__/__ MILITARY BRANCH _____

FOREIGN SERVICE (WHERE) _____ (WHEN) _____

CAMPAIGN MEDALS OR RIBBONS _____

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Jr. Vice Cmdr	Sam Nealey	703-368-7636
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin	703-369-2732
Adjutant	Rick Raskin	703-369-2732
Advocate	Norb Beville	703-361-7156
Chaplain	Ron Knowles	703-368-4743
Surgeon	Dick Lemmon	703-330-3376
Off of the Day	Roy Kennedy	n/a
Guard	Dallas Kennedy	n/a
Service Officer	Sam Nealey	703-368-7636
Historian	Ed Fishpaw	703-335-5422
Trustee 1 year	Brad Bradshaw	703-754-9850
Trustee 2 year	Joe Dazzo	703-361-6041
Trustee 3 year	Bob Pace	703-680-1329

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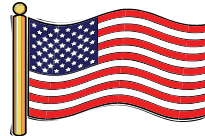
President	Valerie Nealey	703-368-7636
Sr. Vice President	Pam Braithwaite	703-278-8076
Jr. Vice President	Jenn Nealey	703-331-1214
Secretary	Pam Braithwaite	703-278-8076
Treasurer	Angela Fromm	703-789-0015
Chaplain	Betty Knowles	703-368-4743
Conductress	Kay Yeager	703-791-6665
Guard	Patsy Gough	703-368-2697
Historian	Elanor Doczi	703-361-4795
Patriotic Instructor	Yvonne Sutton	703-392-3870
Trustee 1	Jo Drummond	703-368-5039
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June 2007

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