

THE CANNON NEWS

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GREETINGS FROM THE COMMANDER

Here it is the end of March 2007 and we have almost 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.

On February 24, 2007, we held a recruitment drive in front of J. E. Rice Hardware and signed up 8 new members. The Ladies Auxiliary signed up a new member also. Those who joined me were **Senior Vice Commander Pete MacLeod, Junior Vice Commander Steve Meade, Quartermaster Rick Raskin, and Service Officer Jack Battle**. Helping out for the Ladies Auxiliary were **Senior Vice President Pam Braithwaite, Treasurer Valerie Nealey and member Angela Fromm**. Thanks to those who helped out.

March 11, 2007 we were privileged to host the **National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Glen Gardner** at our Post Home. He was accompanied by **State Commander Doc Crouch** and his wife **Catherine Graham, State Senior Vice Commander Jimmy Lee Wallace, State Junior Vice Commander Hal Roesch, State Adjutant/Quartermaster Kim DeShano, and State Chief of Staff Roy Swanner**. Post 1811, Manassas Park, also had representatives in attendance. All enjoyed a great lunch of both Virginia and Texas BBQ.

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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 Sam Nealey @ (703) 368-7636**.

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.

(Commander's Greeting Continued)

Awards for Voice of Democracy, Patriot's Pen and Teacher Awards were presented by the Post and the Ladies Auxiliary on Monday, March 5, 2007. We enjoyed a capacity crowd. Thanks go to **Senior Vice Commander Pete MacLeod** for all his hard work and dedication to this project. I wish to thank the **Ladies Auxiliary** for the refreshments.

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.**

DISTRICT MEETING - MAY 20

The District 8 Meeting is Sunday, May 20, 2007 at 1:00 PM at our Post Home. Every member is invited to attend. Come out and see what is going on with other Posts in the District. So come on out, **State Surgeon Jim Martin** will be in attendance. District Officers will be elected for the 2007-2008 Year, so come out and support the various Post 7589 members who will be competing for Elective Office.

FUND RAISER

The commander has raffle tickets for a trip to Cancun for two. The tickets are \$10 each and will be available through May 2007. The proceeds are going towards the campaign of **Past State Commander Dan Boyer**, who is running for **National Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief**. Virginia has never had a person become Commander-in-Chief and we want to help Dan become our first. See **Sam Nealey** for tickets. (703) 368-7636 or cmdr7589@verizon.net.

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!

NOTICE * NOTICE * NOTICE

Parking is not allowed on Manassas Volunteer Fire Company property, your vehicle may get towed. If you are visiting the Post Home, either park on our property or the city parking lot about a half block up Church Street.

MEMBERSHIP

Comrades, our goal for 100% is 242 members, but the membership voted to achieve a goal of 103%, which is 250 members. To meet this goal we need to recruit new members. So far this year we have 245 paid members of which 154 are life members. **There are 27 members who have not paid their dues. If you have not paid your dues you cannot take advantage of the various VFW Benefits.** If you have not paid your dues because of financial reasons, let me know — we have ways to help you. **NOTE:** You now pay your dues directly to the National VFW. But, if you would rather pay them directly to the Quartermaster, we can handle that. Just send in your check and we will take care of the rest.

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. As of today we have signed up 20 new members this year. 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**

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

The Post Activities for Memorial Day are as follows:

Sunday, May 27, 2007 - Poppies will be distributed - Contact **Senior Vice Commander Pete MacLeod** for time and place. We really need your help with this endeavor. The last couple years it has been the same 4 or 5 comrades who volunteer.

Monday, May 28, 2007 - Memorial Services at the Manassas Veterans Memorial - 8:30 am. At 9:00 am we go to the Manassas Cemetery where we gather at Francis Cannon's Grave and honor him, then we place American Flags and the Ladies Auxiliary place a Bouquet of Poppies on the graves of all departed Veterans.

NOTE FROM JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

I'm writing to ask you, my fellow comrades, to please attend the upcoming general membership meeting on 4/2/2007 starting at 1930hrs at our Post Home. We'll be electing officers for the upcoming year and we need a good turnout to properly reflect who you want as your Post Officers. We already have some positions tentatively filled with prospective nominees, however, if you've thought about the possibility of holding a position in the Post, please show up! Even if you haven't thought about holding a position in the Post, please show your support for one of your fellow comrades. The Post can only be as good as we all make it.

Recently, there have been simply too few comrades showing up to help with various projects that the Post attempts to accomplish. We can use your help. The amount of time needed to do some of this work is really negligible. 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 care greatly about our wounded heroes recovering from their wounds at Walter Reed. 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.

Hopefully I'll be seeing you at the General Membership meeting on Monday 4/2/2007 at 1930hrs.

Stephen A. Meade

Junior Vice-Commander, Post 7589 - Senior Vice-Commander, District 8

VFW POST 7589 61ST ANNIVERSARY

On June 6, 2007 the Post will have been serving veterans and our community for 61 years. In the past we have had either a dinner or a social event to celebrate the occasion. The past several years the attendance at these events have been really low. Therefore, the Post Leadership is looking for ideas on how to honor the occasion. Please let the Commander know if you have any ideas, because a decision will have to be made at the April General Membership meeting which is April 2 at 7:30 pm.

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.

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 plan on doing that job for one more year. At the elections in April, you will have a chance to select a new commander who will have my wholehearted support and I will continue to be active with "OUR" Post. Thank you for allowing me to serve you all these years.



LADIES AUXILIARY 7589 NEWS

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Congratulations, your Auxiliary has completed all the state requirements and will be receiving another **Banner** at the June State Convention which will be placed on the wall in the Post Home. Your Auxiliary is also **100% in Membership** (53 members) and we welcome new members **Kim Lee, Julie Edstrom and Brenda Meade**.

Nominations & Elections of Officers for 2007-2008 will be held at our regular meeting on **Monday, April 2 at 7:30 PM**. If you are interested in holding one of the offices listed below, you must be present or submit in writing your willingness to be elected and hold office. If you choose not to hold an office, it is still important that you attend this meeting to give support to your Auxiliary!

ELECTIVE OFFICERS -- *President -- Senior Vice-President -- Junior Vice-President
Treasurer -- Chaplain -- Guard -- Conductress -- Trustee (3-yr period)*

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS -- *Secretary -- Patriotic Instructor -- Historian*

Your Auxiliary is **not just about going to meetings; it's about sharing our programs and helping others** -- we, as members, are committed to serving veterans and their families, promoting pride in America, teaching young people about the cost of freedom, and serving the community. To meet these goals, we conduct the following programs:

Americanism ~ Buddy Poppy ~ Cancer Aid & Research ~ Community Service ~ Hospital & Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services ~ Legislative ~ Membership ~ Publicity ~ Veterans & Family Support ~ VFW National Home for Children ~ VFW Political Action Committee (PAC) ~ Patriotic Art/Voice of Democracy ~ Youth Activities

Your Auxiliary needs Program Chairmen for the upcoming year -- A Chairman is required to conduct one activity/program and you will be given all the help and promotional materials needed. Your Auxiliary is about serving our Cherished Heroes, our VETERANS, our YOUTH and our COMMUNITIES -- please take a Chair!

For more information about the Officers or Chairman please call President Nancy Dazzo 703-361-6041 or Valerie Nealey 703-368-7636/jvnealey@verizon.net

INDOOR YARD SALE - Saturday, September 8 --- 8 AM - 4 PM at the Post Home. Call President Dazzo 703-361-6041 if you have items to donate -- NO FURNITURE.

RAFFLE BASKETS ITEMS are needed - Call President Dazzo 703-361-6041.

WEB SITES: www.vfwpost7589.org www.vfwvaux.org www.ladiesauxvfw.com

- √ **Installation of Auxiliary Officers:** Monday, May 7 - 7:30 PM
- √ **District Meeting:** Sunday, May 20 -- 1 PM - Post Home - Elections
- √ **Department Convention:** June 14-17 in Richmond
- √ **Memorial Day:** 8:30 AM Manassas Veterans Memorial; 9 AM Manassas Cemetery

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	3	4	5
6	7 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm Installation of Off.	8	9 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	17	18	19
20 District Mtg. 1 pm Manassas	21	22	23 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day Act. Flags, Poppies, etc	29 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm	30 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	31		

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 Post 61st Anniversary Celebration	4 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm	5	6 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	14 Flag Day State Convention Richmond	15 State Convention Richmond	16 State Convention Richmond
17 Father's Day State Convention Richmond	18	19	20 Bingo 8 am—12:30 p	21	22	23
24	25 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm	26	27 Bingo 8 am—12:30	28	29	30

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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Adjutant	Steve Meade	703-408-0875
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Surgeon	Norb Beville	703-361-7156
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Guard	Paul Purtell	703-361-3682
Service Officer	Jack Battle	703-368-3002
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Trustee 1 year	John Depue	703-791-3389
Trustee 2 year	Brad Bradshaw	703-754-9850
Trustee 3 year	Joe Dazzo	703-361-6041

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

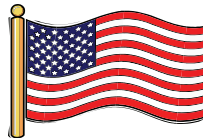
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Chaplain	Betty Knowles	703-368-4743
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April 2007

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1	2 VFW & Auxiliary Meetings 7:30 pm Elections	3	4 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	5	6	7
8 Easter	9	10	11 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	12	13	14 Auxiliary Tea
15	16 Federal Taxes Due	17	18 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Bingo 8 am—12:30 pm	26	27	28
29	30 Executive Mtg. 6:30 pm					

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