

CANNON NEWS

Francis Cannon VFW Post 7589
Manassas, Virginia
May 2025



RICK RASKIN

State Senator Danica Roem attended our April 7 membership meeting on occasion of her receiving the MOAA legislator of the Year award. (L-R) Past Post Commander Brad Bradshaw, Comrade Tina Bliem, Senator Roem and Comrade Alex Bliem.

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CANNON NEWS—Multiple award winner at both the State and National levels, including 2024 National Grand Award.

Commander's Message



Wayne Moore

Memoriam to Our Un-sung Heroes

On Memorial Day, we unite to honor all veterans who served and sacrificed what is most precious to the living. Pursuing life, liberty, and happiness are words that now ring hollow and futile.

Throughout American history, people of all social classes (many immigrants) have stepped up to defend the Republic's ideals of a future with a sense of justice and equality.

The passing of time dictates the number of comrades we celebrate and those honored in remembrance. It is difficult for me to reflect on those brave men and women who gave their all and to now witness the deliberate removal of American Heroes from our military's annals. The Vietnam War put into play the first integration of the American military. However, please make no mistake; it was not the beginning of minorities' participation in America's conflicts.

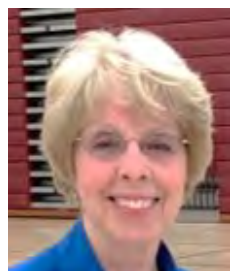
Vietnam was not a cakewalk for any veteran of that experience. I get it as a member of that era with Southeast Asia service and several brothers (Boots on the ground/multiple tours). As a dedicated Honor Guard who laid many Heroes to rest, I did not escape the wrath of a misunderstanding public. Many veterans returning from the battlefield encountered resentment and hostility, an interaction that was different and sometimes more painful than being ostracized on the battlefield. Shared experiences were as distinct as the individual perspective on America's value gap (One person or group is better than another) in the societal world. It takes a unique set of lenses to sympathize or empathize with a situation you cannot relate to.

Several groups of minorities have served only to realize their contributions were unrecognized, denied, omitted, hidden, or erased. Despite the hardship, most served with valor and distinction under inhumane and often unequal conditions.

Our military is being undermined, understaffed, and lacking in quality leadership. In addition, discrimination, once covert, is now an open issue with blatant erasure of Minorities' contributions to the development and growth of the United States. I feel compelled to criticize the rampant ineptitude and ignorance displayed at the highest level of our government. My Oath, principles, and sincere reverence to our forebearers require a bold push back on the status quo.

On Memorial Day weekend, as we distribute Buddy Poppies and explain their purpose, we should reflect on why millions of heroes fought and died in resistance against fascism and authoritarianism. I am truly amazed that after 250 years of fighting for freedom at home and worldwide, we who fought the wars and swore to defend have become compliant and comfortable with the abuse of everything we have sworn to protect.

Auxiliary President



Mary Corkhill

Mother's Day is an annual holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May. It recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well as their positive contributions to their families and society. This year it occurs on Sunday, May 11th.

On May 17, 2025 we will observe **Armed Forces Day**. It is always on the third Saturday of every May and dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. Another special day of remembrance is **Memorial Day** on May 26th for the fallen Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice. There will be a wreath laying ceremony at the Veterans Memorial at 8:30 AM and Francis Cannon's grave at 9:00 AM. Flags will be placed throughout the cemetery for the veterans.

Congratulations to Jennifer Seo (grade 2) and Katie Ransome (Grade 5) for placing first in the Illustrating America contest. First place for the VFW Auxiliary's Young American Creative Patriotic Art contest is Skyler Graze. All three entries were forwarded to the Department for judging. We wish them luck.

The Auxiliary members will be meeting at the Post on May 6th at 1:30PM to put together our Buddy Poppy display for the convention in June. Please come join us.

The Auxiliary will be honoring our Post Comrades with a dinner before their meeting on June 2nd at 6:30. Please come and join the celebration.

The new Auxiliary Officers for 2025-2026 are: President: Mary Corkhill, Sr. Vice: Ellie Smith, Jr. Vice: Cookie Cullen, Secretary: Lorrie Allen Smith, Treasurer: Elanor Doczi, Chaplain: Janet Raskin, Conductor: Rosa Maggio, Guard: Patsy Gough, Trustee 1: Janet Raskin, Trustee 2: Jan Germain, Trustee 3: Yvonne Sullivan, Patriotic Instructor: Lorrie Allen-Smith, Historians: Patsy Gough, Yvonne Sullivan & Jan Germain.

A reminder that the Department Convention is scheduled for June 18th – 22nd at Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center, 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA. Phone # 540-564-0200. Room Rates are \$129.00 per night. Cutoff Date is Thursday, May 22, 2025. Ms. Bettina Lane is running for Department Guard. We wish her the best of luck. The National Convention is August 9 - 13, 2025 in Columbus, OH.

There are several ways you can support the VFW National Home: purchasing a \$100 tribute brick, a life membership for \$50.00, and/or a monetary donation. You can do all three at the following email address: <https://vfwnationalhome.org/you-can-help/membership/>. Thank you for your support.

Remember to keep everyone who is going through medical issues, illness, hospitalization or have gone to their Heavenly Home. Please keep them in your prayers.

Respectfully,

Mary Corkhill
VFW Auxiliary President



Youth Committee



Lou Filippone

Dear Comrades and Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits as we step into May. Spring is in full bloom, and with it comes exciting updates and opportunities to celebrate the incredible young leaders in our community.

April Youth Committee Meeting Recap

Our last Youth Committee Meeting took place at the Post on 17 April. In attendance were Comrades Alex and Tina Bliem, Erika Laos, and Chairperson Lou Filippone. We had a productive discussion covering recent and upcoming youth-centered events.

Honoring Cadet and Scout of the Year

On 7 April, we proudly recognized **Cadet of the Year Phuc Nguyen** from Unity Reed High School and **Scout of the Year Krystal Gardner** from Troop 1372 in an award ceremony preceding our general meeting. Each honoree was presented with a **certificate and scholarship**, a testament to their dedication and leadership.

JROTC Award Ceremonies

The Post was honored to participate in two JROTC Award Ceremonies:

Osborn Park Navy JROTC Awards Ceremony on 5 April, where Youth Committee Members **Erika Laos** and **Lamar Baker** presented the **VFW Bronze Medal and certificate** to **Cadet CPO Kevin Uriona-Beltran**.

Battlefield High School AFJROTC Awards Ceremony on 23 April, where **Post Commander Wayne Moore** and **Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill** awarded the **VFW Bronze Medal and certificate** to **Cadet 1st Lt Cameron Kim**.

Looking ahead, we have another award ceremony scheduled for **Unity Reed AFJROTC on Tuesday, 13 May at 2:30 PM**. Additionally, we are awaiting confirmation for our final awards ceremony with the **Prince William Composite Squadron of the Manassas Civil Air Patrol**.

Upcoming Flag Retirement Ceremony – 10 May

Our spring **Flag Retirement Ceremony** is just around the corner! We welcome all interested volunteers to join us in this meaningful event. **Set-up begins at 9:30 AM, with the ceremony kicking off at 10:00 AM**. There's plenty to do, so let the Youth Committee know if you'd like to help—we'll gladly assign you a role. The **Post and Auxiliary will provide pizza and beverages** for all participating Scouts and volunteers. Let's hope for cooperative weather, as there's **no reschedule date** for this important event.

Patriot's Pen & Voice of Democracy Updates

Runner-up certificates for **Patriot's Pen** are currently being distributed to middle school students. We are still awaiting the printing of **Voice of Democracy certificates**, and we'll provide up-

dates as soon as possible.

High School Outreach Initiative

Comrades **Erika Laos** and **Lamar Baker** are working on a **high school outreach program** to share information about **JROTC, ROTC, and military career opportunities**. They are considering inviting **recruiters to participate**, with further details to come. Erika may share additional insights during the **May general membership meeting**.

Next Youth Committee Meeting – 15 May

Mark your calendars! The next **Youth Committee Meeting** is scheduled for **15 May at 7:00 PM at the Post**. We encourage all members to attend and **help mentor the next generation of citizens and leaders**. Your support makes all the difference!

Wishing each of you good health, happiness, and success. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

With best regards

Lou Filippone
Youth Committee Chair



A new flag retirement box at the Post replaces the older wooden one that had become unserviceable.

Scouting Report



Alex & Tina Bliem
Post 7589 Scouting
Representatives

The scouts in our troop have been busy working on merit badges and rank requirements. They have also been busy preparing for summer camp and other weekend camping trips. Several scouts are also actively working in their eagle scout rank. Hopefully we'll be hearing more about them this year. The end of the eagle scout journey can be a very lengthy process.

Our troop also did it's first ever mulch sale which will hopefully turn into a yearly fundraiser. This was a last minute fundraiser by a motivated committee member and they did an amazing job. The last I saw they sold at least one 18 wheeler worth. Almost all of the money raised is going right back to the participating scouts themselves to cover camps, registration, etc. the rest is going into different troop funds.

We had five scouts and two adults voted into the Order of the Arrow and complete their ordeal. For those that are not aware the OA is scouting's National Honor Society.

There were nine scouts that crossed over from Cub scouts into our troop, but unfortunately, this is the time of year where we also lose some scouts as they age out, graduate high school, and begin the next chapter of their lives.

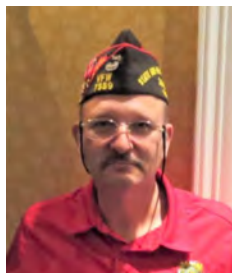
Our pack has been pushing ahead to finish off their own rank requirements before the unofficial end of the scouting year. After the school year is over all of our scouting units relax their meeting frequencies as it's time for summer camps and family vacations.

Our troop recently went through their semi annual elections and elected in a new set of scout leaders and supporting cast.

As I've mentioned before I have been very impressed with our adult and scouting leadership from all of our units. They continue to do great things even with their families packed schedules, work, school and many other activities. It's really amazing to watch and to be a part of.

Thank you,
Alex and Tina Bliem
Pack/Troop/Crew 1372 Leaders
VFW Post 7589 Members

Major legislative actions going forward:



Monti Zimmerman

1) Claims Shark legislation-goal is to limit claims sharks' ability to harm veterans by ensuring the contract dies at the end of the single case & that the claim sharks hold liability for any harm to the veteran from an error that creates a debt from the VA. This would be overridden if federal legislation makes all claims sharks' actions illegal.

2) VMSDEP-the Veteran Education Program will likely come back with an intent to determine if the program should be cut. This will demand the VFW to maintain vigilance.



Monti Zimmerman is the MOAA alternate
Rick Raskin represents VFW Virginia

DD-214 Available online

The National Personal Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to request access to their DD-214 online

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov>

Additional records

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans>



Free App Connects Veterans with Resources

Find information about VA benefits, financial assistance, job placement, housing programs, mental health support and more. Battle Buddy is a free mobile app designed to connect Veterans and their families with the help they need.

GET THE APP

2025-26 Post Officers

Commander	Wayne Moore
Senior Vice Commander	Lou Filippone
Junior Vice Commander	Ron Link
Quartermaster	Rick Raskin
Chaplain	Monti Zimmerman
1 Year Trustee	Dion Amos
2 Year Trustee	Lamar Baker
3 Year Trustee	Tina Bliem
Adjutant	Ron Link
Service Officer	Monti Zimmerman
Judge Advocate	Sirianosac Thepsoumane
Surgeon	Alex Bliem



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Past Post 7589 Commander and Past Post Chaplain Ron Knowles who now resides at the Sitter and Barfoot Veterans Care Center in Richmond submitted the following:

Above is a picture of a desk unit that Dave Seitz and I designed. It was fabricated and then presented to the CNACNA ladies that use it to put their computer keyboard on . It was my idea and Dave did all the woodworking. Great job!

On the left Ron Knowles helps Willie at the art class.

Ron also says he is having a great time and enjoys working with veterans again.

Ron is doing well and it is great to hear from him. [Ed]



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Comrade Jerry Martin spoke on the 50th Anniversary of the End of the Vietnam War at Culpeper Post 2524

Good Morning, I am Jerry Martin and a Vietnam Veteran.

I would like to thank VFW Post 2524 for asking me to say a few words today. And to the Vietnam veterans present, "Welcome Home"; the greeting we Vietnam Veterans often share among ourselves when our country offered us none.

For Many it has been a long and often difficult journey these past 50 years. My comments will be brief and have been expressed by veterans over the years.

March 29th was established as National Vietnam War Veterans Day in 2017 by President Donald Trump during his first administration. It is to be recognized annually as one of the military national holidays in our country to specifically recognize Veterans who served between November 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975. No distinction is to be made between those who served in Vietnam and those stationed elsewhere.

Across the nation today we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the last combat troops leaving South Vietnam and what is recognized as the end of the Vietnam War. For many Vietnam Veterans and their families this is a day of mixed emotions. For those who served we remember the men and women who were with us and are no longer here.

The living are reminded that we are a dwindling number of men and women who put the lives of others ahead of our own. Of the 9 million who served during the Vietnam Era few could self-determine their assignment. Only about 2.5 million actually served in-country. Of that 2.5 about 1.4 million actually saw combat. It is estimated that only about 600,000 Vietnam combat veterans are still alive today. No matter what you did while in country everyone's task was equally important to fight the war. The real heroes of the Vietnam war are those 58,318 whose names are inscribed on the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C.

We fought for each other's survival, regardless of race, religion, or social background and a desire to get back to "the world"; our slang term for home and the United States.

We served during one of America's longest foreign wars.

Unlike the generations of veterans before and after us we received no thanks, no cheers, or parades for our service until years later. As a result of that indifference, we internalized our experiences often resulting in emotional problems affecting our lives and our relationships. It has been said that "The US left Vietnam in 1975 but Vietnam never left those who served". Our families have shared the physical and emotional injury from our Service for 50 years.

WE are here today for three reasons:

First to honor those who served both the deceased and the living.

Second to recognize the families of Vietnam Veterans who made untold sacrifices to support us when we were gone and after we returned. They also bore the burden of the visible and invisible wounds we carried.

The Third Reason and perhaps the most important, is to make the promise that our Vietnam service and the 1,533 still missing are not forgotten and to promise that no generation of American service men and women will ever be treated the way we were.

I often hear that Vietnam Veterans are now given too much recognition. My response is yes, we have been given much more than many; much of which we never asked for or deserved.

We were ignored and ridiculed while previous and current generations of veterans were proclaimed heroes.

We were given cancers and numerous other medical ailments due to Agent Orange and other toxins. We live with permanent disabilities from our service.

We experienced problems with emotional and personal relationships more than others of our generation.

We endure and often still experience sleepless nights and nightmares due to our service as well as hypervigilance and episodes of depression.

After today the Vietnam Veterans here will slip back into the routine of their lives with families and continue their day-to-day activities just as before.

The Veterans Administration says the average age of a person who served in Vietnam was 22 years old. The average Vietnam Veteran living today is between 75 to 80 years old. 500 of us die every day.

Today's 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War and my words will soon be forgotten. But what we did and who we are as Americans that served our country is the legacy we leave behind.

Honor it, preserve our stories, and keep the promise to not forget us. Make the darkness of our experiences meaningful for future generations.

Thank You for taking the time to be here and listening to me.

May you all stay well and have a safe trip home.

Vietnam Veterans Day — March 29

At Culpeper VFW Post 2524



Comrade Jerry Martin delivered the keynote address

At American legion Post 10



Stan Moore, Post 10 Commander



All the tables at Culpeper were decorated with the colors of the South Vietnam flag



Vietnam veterans who attended the ceremony



Rick Raskin wore his Cu Chi Tunnel shirt; a souvenir from his 2010 visit

In and Around the Post



Cadet of the Year Phuc Nguyen and SVC Lou Filippone, Youth Committee



Eagle Scout of the Year Krystal Gardner



State Senator Danica Roem received an award from the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) for being named MOAA's Virginia Legislator of the Year. (L-R) Senator Roem, Monti Zimmerman and Virginia Council of Chapters President Col. (Ret), USAF, Diana Kupuchella



Post officers for 2025-26 were elected and installed on April 7



3-31-2024: Rick Raskin presented Gunny Lewis (L) with a laptop donated by Tech for Troops to be used by VetPar.



Comrades Lamar Baker and Erika Laos presented a JROTC award to Cadet CPO Kevin Uriona-Beltran at Osbourn Park High School in conjunction with OP NJROTC's 'Inaugural' Change of Command Ceremonial Parade and Awards Ceremony! This was the first time they have done this outside on the field in the unit's 31 year history .



Post Commander Wayne Moore and Auxiliary President Mary Corkhill present the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award to Battlefield HS AFJROTC recipient Cadet 1st Lt. Cameron Kim



District 8 Auxiliary officers were installed on April 5 at Fredericksburg Post 3103. Mary Corkhill and Janet Raskin from Auxiliary 7589 assumed the rolls of District Conductor (Mary) and Chaplain (Janet).

This Company is Spending Millions to Profit Off Veterans' Benefits. Why Won't Lawmakers Stop It?

Veterans Guardian says it's fighting to give veterans a choice. Critics say they're guardians of greed.

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THE
SHARKS**

Unity Reed High School JROTC program has scheduled the JROTC Awards ceremony for Tuesday, 13 May at 2:30 in the URHS auditorium. The award recipient this year is **Cadet Ingrid Perez-Ayala**

VFW VA's updated position paper on claim sharks

Submitted to the Legislative Committee on March 23.

To be presented by the VFW at the next JLC meeting.

Stop unscrupulous firms from exploiting veterans trying to obtain VA benefits.

Submitted by VFW Department of Virginia

The VFW has continued its advocacy against unaccredited, predatory claims consultants that aggressively advertise and charge veterans for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability claim assistance.

Like many of its companion organizations on the Joint Leadership Council (JLC), the Veterans of Foreign Wars has proudly honored its commitment to all veterans by providing highly trained, certified, quality claims representatives to assist veterans and their survivors in navigating the complex bureaucracy of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) law, rules, and regulations.

The VFW and other accredited Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) provide this service at no cost, as required under Title 38 of the United States Code.

Charging veterans for initial claims assistance is an illegal practice. Unfortunately, criminal penalties for unaccredited claims agents were eliminated from United States Code nearly twenty years ago, providing a loophole through which these predatory claims agents built this market sector. The VFW has branded these companies "Claim Sharks".

These claim shark companies typically enter into agreements with veterans in which the veteran agrees to pay them a multiple of the disability award, often up to five times the amount. This is a fee structure that is predatory in nature and something we would never accept. Additionally, many of the contracts provide for the claim shark to bill for future increases in benefits even if they had no part in helping the veteran obtain them.

Since they are uncredited with the VA the claim shark cannot file for the veteran or see the computer system that tracks the veteran's claim. The veteran files their own claim with "assistance" from the claim shark and if anything goes wrong, the veteran is solely responsible for the error and could owe the Veterans Administration money. If this action were to be taken by any other actor affecting a consumer it would be considered fraud and be protected by Virginia's consumer protection laws.

Currently, these predatory companies have no accountability, no oversight, and no penalties.

At the National level the VFW has urged Congress to pass legislation to reinstate penalties under Title 38. Until that occurs, if ever, we ask that the Legislature propose legislation that prohibits these Claim Shark companies from operating in Virginia.

The VFW and other VSOs draw no benefit from this proposed legislation. In fact, it promises to increase the workload for VA-Certified Service Officers; but it will do so while protecting the integrity of the VA system and the privacy and security of veterans' personal and health data.



VFW DAY OF SERVICE 2025

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to honor and remember
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Defense and a Vietnam Veteran

General Barry McCaffrey,
U.S. Army (Ret.), Vietnam Veteran

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2025-2026**



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Post 7589 Service Officer

Monti Zimmerman

703-223-2211

The VFW National Home for Children



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Annual Payouts:

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Gold-	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00
Silver-	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00
Bronze-	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00

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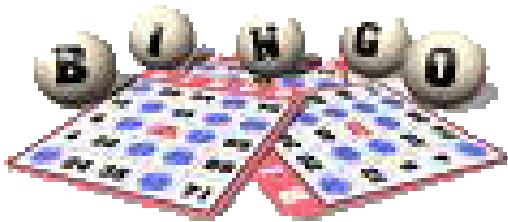
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Surgeon	Alex Bliem

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Treasurer	Elanor Doczi
Chaplain	Cookie Cullen
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Guard	Patsy Gough
Trustee 1	Yvonne Sullivan
Trustee 2	Janet Raskin
Trustee 3	Jan Germain
Historians	Jan Germain Patsy Gough Yvonne Sullivan
Patriotic Instructor	Lorrie Allen Smith

Upcoming Events

May 3	VFW National Day of Service — Habitat for Humanity — 11:00 AM
May 5	Post Meeting - 7:30 PM Election of Post officers
May 10	Flag Retirement Setup 9:30 AM, Ceremony 10:00 AM
May 12	Auxiliary Meeting - 2:00 PM
May 15	Youth Committee Meeting — 7:00 PM
May 24—25	Buddy Poppy Drive — TBD
May 26	Memorial Day Activities — 8:30 AM —Veterans Memorial, 9:00 AM — Manassas Cemetery
June 2	Post Meeting - 7:30 PM
June 9	Auxiliary Meeting - 2:00 PM Woman Veteran Proclamation — Manassas City Council—5:00 PM
June 18-22	State Convention, Hotel Madison & Shenandoah Valley Conference Center 710 S. Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA
August 9-13	National Convention, Columbus, Ohio
September 6	District 8 School of Instruction followed by District Meeting — 9:00AM — Post 3103, Fredericksburg

VIRGINIA SENATORS

Mark Warner	202-224-2023
Tim Kaine	202-224-4024

VIRGINIA REPRESENTATIVES

Rob Wittman	1st District	202-225-4261
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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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Jennifer Wexton	10th District	202-225-5136
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Manassas Ballet Theatre is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, Prince William County, and the City of Manassas

Cecile Wolfe Photography

Manassas Ballet Theatre Raffle will benefit VFW and American Legion

Manassas Ballet Theatre agreed to offer two season memberships with orchestra seating for the upcoming season (a \$500 value). We will be conducting a raffle jointly with American Legion Post 10.

Tickets are \$5 each and will be combined with those sold at AL10. The drawing will be held in September at a date to be determined. All proceeds will be kept by both Posts.

Tickets will be available at Post meetings, Bingo and Post events.

We support Manassas Ballet Theatre in memory of Colin Wolfe, the Artistic Director's son who was killed in Iraq.

Manassas Ballet Theatre opens its season with:

FRANKENSTEIN

Oct. 17, 18 at 7:30 pm

Oct. 19 at 3:00 pm

Streaming Begins Nov. 1



Manassas Ballet Theatre opens its season with the frightful tale of *Frankenstein*! Set to an original, evocative score by Kim Reynolds and performed by the Kim Reynolds Band, this ballet brings the classic legend to life in a thrilling blend of drama, emotion, and artistry. Experience the tragic story of creation and destruction through stunning new choreography and captivating live music. Join us at the Hylton Performing Arts Center for an unforgettable evening that reimagines this frightful masterpiece in a way only MBT can.